

# Overcoming Uncertain Times: Embracing Truth Not Feelings

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[John 8:31-36](#)

31 To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. 32 Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." 33 They answered him, "We are Abraham's descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?" 34 Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. 35 Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. 36 So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."

During uncertain times remember that...

## 1. THE ENEMY IS THE GREAT DECEIVER

[Genesis 3:1-5](#)

3 Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden?'" 2 The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, 3 but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.'" 4 "You will not surely die," the serpent said to the woman. 5 "For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

[1 Peter 5:8-9a](#)

8 Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. 9 Resist him, standing firm in the faith...

[John 10:10a](#)

"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy..."

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## 2. SIN ENSLAVES YOU & ULTIMATELY DESTROYS YOU

[John 8:34](#)

Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave to sin."

[Romans 6:23](#)

For the wages of sin is death...

[Proverbs 14:12](#)

There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death.

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## 3. TRUTH FREES YOU

[John 8:31-32](#)

31 To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. 32 Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

[Romans 12:2](#)

Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. THEN you will be able to test and approve what God's will is — his good, pleasing and perfect will.

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## 4. JESUS IS TRUTH AND HE LOVES YOU

[John 10:10](#)

"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."

[John 8:36](#)

So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."

[John 14:6](#)

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

[Romans 6:23](#)

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.