



32 AND YOU WILL KNOW THE TRUTH, AND THE TRUTH WILL SET YOU FREE."



33 "BUT WE ARE DESCENDANTS OF ABRAHAM," THEY SAID. "WE HAVE NEVER BEEN SLAVES TO ANYONE. WHAT DO YOU MEAN, 'YOU WILL BE SET FREE'?" 34 JESUS REPLIED, "I TELL YOU THE TRUTH, EVERYONE WHO SINS IS A SLAVE OF SIN.

John 8:33-34 MLT



12 BUT TO ALL WHO BELIEVED HIM AND ACCEPTED HIM, HE GAVE THE RIGHT TO BECOME CHILDREN OF GOD. 13 THEY ARE REBORN-NOT WITH A PHYSICAL BIRTH RESULTING FROM HUMAN PASSION OR PLAN, BUT A BIRTH THAT COMES FROM GOD

John 1:12-13_{NLT}

T3 Jesus initiates and perfects our faith. Hebrews 12:1-2

1 THEREFORE, SINCE WE ARE SURROUNDED BY SUCH A HUGE CROWD OF WITNESSES TO THE LIFE OF FAITH, LET US STRIP OFF EVERY WEIGHT THAT SLOWS US DOWN, ESPECIALLY THE SIN THAT SO EASILY TRIPS US UP. AND LET US RUN WITH ENDURANCE THE RACE GOD HAS SET BEFORE US.

Hebrews 12:1 MT

² WE DO THIS BY KEEPING OUR EYES ON JESUS, THE CHAMPION WHO INITIATES AND PERFECTS OUR FAITH. BECAUSE OF THE JOY AWAITING HIM, HE ENDURED THE CROSS, DISREGARDING ITS SHAME. NOW HE IS SEATED IN THE PLACE OF HONOR BESIDE GOD'S THRONE.

Hebrews 12:2 NLT

Small Group Questions:

1 WHY IS IT DIFFICULT TO ACCEPT THATGOD CHOOSE US AND WE DID NOT CHOOSE HIM? ² READ EPHESIANS 1:3-14 WHAT TRUTHS STRETCH YOUR FAITH? 3 READ PSALMS 139:1-24 WHAT TRUTHS STRETCH YOUR FAITH? 4 IS CALVINISM BIBLICAL?