

The Gospel According to John 8:28 – 47

New American Standard Version

1 So Jesus said, “When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will
2 know that I am *He*, and I do nothing on My own initiative, but I
3 speak these things as the Father taught Me. And He who sent Me
4 is with Me; He has not left Me alone, for I always do the things
5 that are pleasing to Him.” As He spoke these things, many came
6 to believe in Him. So Jesus was saying to those Jews who had
7 believed Him, “If you continue in My word, *then* you are truly
8 disciples of Mine; and you will know the truth, and the truth will
9 make you free.” They answered Him, “We are Abraham’s
10 descendants and have never yet been enslaved to anyone; how is it
11 that You say, ‘You will become free’?” Jesus answered them,
12 “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is the slave
13 of sin. The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son
14 does remain forever. So if the Son makes you free, you will be
15 free indeed. I know that you are Abraham’s descendants; yet you
16 seek to kill Me, because My word has no place in you. I speak the
17 things which I have seen with My Father; therefore you also do the
18 things which you heard from *your* father.” They answered and
19 said to Him, “Abraham is our father.” Jesus *said to them, “If you
20 are Abraham’s children, do the deeds of Abraham. But as it is,
21 you are seeking to kill Me, a man who has told you the truth,
22 which I heard from God; this Abraham did not do. You are doing
23 the deeds of your father.” They said to Him, “We were not born
24 of fornication; we have one Father: God.” Jesus said to them, “If
25 God were your Father, you would love Me, for I proceeded forth
26 and have come from God, for I have not even come on My own
27 initiative, but He sent Me. Why do you not understand what I am
28 saying? *It is* because you cannot hear My word. You are of *your*
29 father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He
30 was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth
31 because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he
32 speaks from his own *nature*, for he is a liar and the father of lies.
33 But because I speak the truth, you do not believe Me. Which one
34 of you convicts Me of sin? If I speak truth, why do you not believe
35 Me? He who is of God hears the words of God; for this reason
36 you do not hear *them*, because you are not of God.”

*Use the suggestions on the back page as
a starting point for your own
**Observation, Interpretation, and
Application.***

Inductive Bible Study

(A few general ideas)

Observation (What does it say?)

What facts do you **observe** about the passage (repetition, comparisons, contrasts, cause and effect, unusual words, etc.)? Mark the passage (underline, circles, etc.) to help bring out the writer’s thought process.

- Who are the people involved?
- What is the action taking place?
- What type of literature is the passage (poetry, history, didactic, etc.)?
- What details are included or left out?
- Are there any unusual words used?
- Is there any symbolic or figurative language used?
- What is the grammar of the passage (pronouns, prepositions, verb tenses)?
- Is there any repetition of words or ideas?
- Are there comparisons or contrasts?
- Are there indications of cause and effect?
- Are there indications of purpose (“in order that...”)?
- Are there conclusions (“Therefore...”)?
- Does the passage contain any explanations?
- Does the passage logically break into sections?
- How would you summarize the passage?
- What would be a good “headline” for the passage?

Interpretation (What does it mean?)

What questions come to mind about the facts of the passage that would help you **interpret** the writer’s meaning?

- How would the original readers have understood the passage?
- What is the main emphasis?
- Why does the writer use repetition, or contrast, or unusual words?
- What does the grammar or structure of the passage reveal about the writer’s thought pattern?
- Is there a logical sequence in the passage?
- How are different ideas in the passage connected?
- Are there any new ideas or concepts presented?
- Are there difficulties in the passage?

Application (What does it mean for me?)

How does the writer’s meaning relate to your life? What specific application might the Holy Spirit want to show you?

- Is there a command to obey?
- Is there a promise to be thankful for?
- Is there an attribute of God to worship?
- Is there an example to follow?

Read nothing into the Scriptures, but draw everything from them, and suffer nothing to remain hidden that is really in them. – J.A. Bengel