

Part Three: Free to See // Andy Stanley // June 5, 2022

Whether fueled by fear, insecurity, or a past event, many of us construct a paper wall of excuses that holds us back.

Scripture: John 8:12 NIV; John 8:31-36 NIV

Bottom Line: If you can't see you're wrong, you'll be wrong your entire life.

Discuss:

- 1. What was your biggest takeaway or lightbulb moment from this message?
- 2. Have you ever caught yourself lying to yourself? When you stop and think about it, why does this make no sense at all? What enabled or forced you to see the lie for what it was?
- 3. How do our excuses often get masked as reasons/becauses? Over time, how can a single excuse become a "king" in your life and keep you from moving forward? What would King Jesus say about that?
- 4. Are you currently holding on to an excuse that is keeping you from one or more of these? If so, what's the excuse?
 - Having a necessary conversation with someone
 - Showing someone kindness
 - Finishing an important task
 - Spending intentional time with a family member
- 5. Read <u>John 8:12</u> together and unpack Jesus' words. What is he saying? What is he implying? What difference does this truth make in people's lives and in our world? How have you experienced this personally?
- 6. Do you easily admit you're wrong? Why or why not? Would the people closest to you agree with your assessment?
- 7. Read <u>John 8:31-36</u>. What does Jesus mean when he says that we are enslaved people? What kinds of things are we often slaves to? What is required in order for us to find true freedom? Are you living in Christ's freedom today?
- 8. Andy said, "Following Jesus will make your life better, and it will make you better at life." What is your response to this statement? What does it actually mean to follow Jesus? How is following different than believing/respecting?