TODAY'S SCRIPTURE FOCUS:

JOHN 8:28-32 & 36

"GIVE ME LIBERTY OR GIVE ME DEATH"

"If you want your church to become purpose-driven, you will have to lead it through four critical phases." (pg. 93-94)

 <u>4 CRITICAL PHASES:</u> (pg. 94)
1. Define Your Purpose;
2. Communicate Purposes;
3.Organize Around Purposes;
4. Apply Your Purposes;

"It is not enough to merely define a purpose statement and communicate it, you must organize around your church..." (pg. 122) CIRLCES OF COMMITMENT (pg. 130): 1. Community 2. Crowd 3. Congregation 4. Committed 5. Core "The goal of your church is to move people from the outer circle *(low comm./maturity)* to the inner circle *(high commitment/maturity)*" (pg. 130-134)

"Making the leap from a purpose statement to purpose-driven actions requires leadership that is totally committed..." (pg. 137)

"...moving...unchurched from the community to your crowd (for worship)...Core back out into the community *(for evangelism).*" (pg. 138) "...I suggest you grow the church from the outside in, rather than from the inside out. Start with community ...not core!" (pg. 138)

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SERMONIC POINTS: #1: FATHER #2: FAITH #3: FREEDOM

SERMONIC POINT #1: FATHER

"Then JESUS said to them, "When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am HE, and that I do nothing of MYSELF; but as <u>MY FATHER</u> taught ME, I speak these things." John 8:28

"And <u>HE</u> who sent ME is with ME.

The <u>FATHER</u> has not left ME along, for I always do those things that please <u>HIM</u>." John 8:29

SERMONIC POINT #2: FAITH

"As HE spoke these words, many *believed* in HIM."

John 8:30

"Then JESUS said to those JEWS who *believed* HIM,

'If you abide in MY word, you are <u>MY disciples</u> indeed.' "

John 8:31

SERMONIC POINT #3: FREEDOM

"And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you <u>free</u>."

John 8:32

"Therefore if the SON makes you *free*, you shall be <u>free</u> indeed."

John 8:36