



# I Am!

Song Devotional Summary

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**Jesus made a very bold claim in His day: Before Abraham was, I Am! Food for thought for His day, undeniable testimony for today.**

In **John chapter 8**, Jesus once more find himself under scrutiny and question from the religious elite. His testimony about himself is challenged. The rule of the day was that religious leaders believed testimony if it was backed up by another.

Jesus tells them that his witness is not validated by human standards, but rather by God the Father who sent him.

In verse 34, Jesus says that whoever sins is a slave to sin, but He has come to set the sinner free. These leaders are following the will of their father of lies, just as we today follow the father of lies if we refuse to hear the words of Jesus.

Jesus tells them, and us today, that whoever the Son sets free will be free indeed. Of course, we are all sinners and miss the mark of what God intends for our lives. When we are free, we hear the voice of God and respond. If we remain in bondage, we listen to the voice of the father of lies.



It's understandable how shocking this news would be for them back in the day. They were used to wielding power over their villages. For us today, we have similar concerns. Yet we have experienced much more freedom in choosing our system of faith.

We have the benefit of studying the whole of scripture to understand that God is pure love, the source and beginning of love. Jesus was Emmanuel, our God with us, and promised to be with us forever. He left the full-time gift of the Holy Spirit to guide our lives.

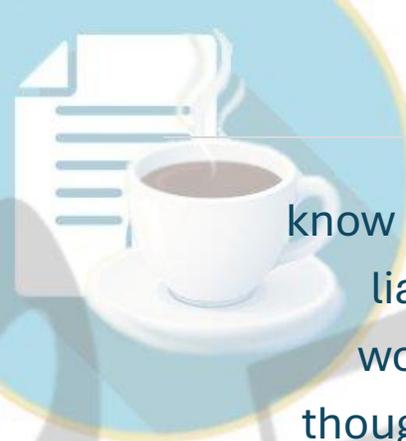
With all that we know about Jesus, we have undeniable testimony that He is the Lord of the universe, one with Creator God. His written testimony can now be seen as indisputable. If Jesus claimed He was one with God and we believe the promise of Jesus that we will always live together with Him, then we will hear the voice of God and respond and must confess that Jesus is Lord of our lives.

We will never again give any time for the father of lies. We choose to be free from the shackles of sin.

The great I Am!

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54 Jesus replied, "If I glorify myself, my glory means nothing. My Father, whom you claim as your God, is the one who glorifies me. 55 Though you do not



know him, I know him. If I said I did not, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and obey his word. 56 Your father Abraham rejoiced at the thought of seeing my day; he saw it and was glad.”

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So bold! Who IS this Jesus?

## Prayer

*Heavenly Father, how great is Your name. May Your kingdom come to earth. I confess today that you are Lord of my life. Help direct my steps every day. Thank you for our victory over sin and death so I can live my life to the full.*