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**THE GOSPEL OF JOHN**  
**How to Not Get Tricked**  
*John 8.31-59*

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v.31-32

Jesus has been proclaiming the abundant life (John 10.10) for anyone who listens and follows him. But he knows that it is easy for us to get tricked into believing that another way of life is better for us. We often suppose that the grass really is greener...

**4 TRICKSTERS THAT THREATEN TO DERAIL THE LIFE JESUS HAS PLANNED FOR US:**

- **FEAR**
- **OURSELVES**
- **OTHER PEOPLE**
- **SIN**

**HOW TO AVOID GETTING TRICKED INTO BELIEVING LIES:**

1. Live with **HUMILITY**
  
2. Create room in your life for **SCRIPTURE**  
*...because you have no room for my word... v.37*

3. Take a greater interest in **SPIRITUAL MATTERS**

*Why is my language not clear to you? Because you are unable to hear what I say... v.43*

4. **HONOR JESUS** in all your activities

*...but I honor my Father and you dishonor me. v.49*

*And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus.*  
Colossians 3.17

5. Become a **DISCIPLE** of **JESUS**

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How do we do that? Devote ourselves to learning and following **JESUS' TEACHINGS**.

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**What is God saying to me?**

**What am I going to do about it?**