The Journey To Freedom

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It is for freedom that Christ has set us free*. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.*
Galatians 5:1

The Search for True Freedom

Our independence day this year marks 247 years since our Founding Fathers gave us our national birth certificate. We continue to be the longest on-going Constitutional Republic in the history of the world and **we need to understand that blessings such as these are not by chance or accidental, they are as result of trust in God on which our nation is founded.**

The quest for liberty is a search mankind has been on since the fall. Our own declaration of independence states this universal search; "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are **life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."**

This search for freedom and fulfillment is only found in Christ.

Therefore if ***the Son makes you free****, you shall be free indeed.*
John 8:36 (Luke 4:18-19)

"It cannot be emphasized too strongly or to often ***that this great nation was founded*** *not by religionists* ***but by Christians, not on religion but on the gospel of Jesus Christ."*** Patrick Henry

George Washington's Farewell Address to Nation; *"Do not let anyone claim tribute of American patriotism* ***if they even attempt to remove religion from politics."***

The point is that any quest for true freedom must be founded **on the truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.**

In the declaration of independence signed on July the 4th, 1776, we read of a belief that all people have rights given by the Creator of mankind. The document only has 1321 words, it takes just eight minutes to read, and **God is mentioned four times, twice at the beginning and twice at the end**.

_____ is the Alpha and Omega of our Freedom!

Core Point: When we discover God has a reproducible pattern for freedom revealed in His Word, we can follow the example of others who have found Godly liberty and enjoy it in our lives as well!

God's Pattern for Freedom

When we discover God has a _____ pattern for freedom revealed in His Word, we can follow the example of others who have found Godly liberty and enjoy it in our lives also.

*So Jesus said to those Jews who had believed in Him, If you abide in My word [****hold fast to My teachings and live in accordance with them****], you are truly My disciples.* ***And you will know the Truth, and the Truth will set you free.*** John 8:31-32 Amplified

The Biblical Pattern for Freedom

1. A Godly **dissatisfaction** with bondage.
2. A **clear understanding of God's will**.
3. An organized **plan of action**.
4. A **declaration of independence**.
5. A **battle**.
6. A **victory and freedom won**.

We see this pattern of freedom in the life of Moses, David, and Gideon, Nehemiah, Esther and in every significant story in the Bible, including the work of Christ to redeem mankind.

Any _____ for freedom must be founded on these principles.

As you grow and mature in your spiritual life, maintaining your liberty will be necessary. When your liberty in Christ is challenged, **put the principles of freedom into action and remain free.**

But he who looks into ***the perfect law of liberty*** *and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.* James 1:25

You will also declare a thing, and it will be established for you*; So light will shine on your ways.* Job 22:28

I will declare the decree: The Lord has said to Me. Psalm 2:7

A decree is a legal decision. When we give voice to the law of liberty, it is established in our lives.

The High Cost of Our Freedom 1 Corinthians 6:20

Freedom is a _____ from God that was paid for with a great price and can only be enjoyed with God our redeemer.

The greatest Independence Day happened for all mankind when Jesus went to the cross and declared; **"it is finished."**

Core Statement: I choose to stand and declare the truth of God's Word for all I encounter in life! I put into action the Godly principles of freedom and in so doing, I enjoy the liberty God has provided for me!