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ENOURAGEMENT  
TO FREEDOM



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Before accepting Christ into our lives we are slaves to sin who cannot experience true liberty. Even now, as we take freedom for granted in our nation, we may actually be in bondage to the many lies of the world. In Paul's letter to the Galatians, we see a warning about legalism and an encouragement to truly be free in Christ.

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The Bible has a recurrent theme of freedom

Paul said that we are set free from sin and are slaves to Jesus Christ

( Romans 6:18)

In the past, you were a slave to sin

You get your freedom by becoming Jesus' slave

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“The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because the Lord has anointed Me to preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound”-Isa.61:1

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Jesus also said,

"If the Son sets you free, you are free indeed"

(John 8:36)

Celebrate the birth of the United States

This country is 239 years old

In 1776 we adopted the Declaration of  
Independence

Our founding fathers acknowledged our Creator

Express gratitude to our troops: "Thank you  
for standing in the gap for us and defending our  
freedoms"

Look where it has brought us

The singer Janis Joplin sang "Freedom's just  
another word for nothing left to lose"

The more we have, the more enslaved we are

# Freedom

Sexual revolution

Sexually transmitted diseases

Pregnancy out of wedlock

Abortion rate out of control

Drug addiction is out of control—costing our  
nation 40 billion dollars a year



We celebrate freedom

We believe our nation was founded on the belief  
that we have the freedom to worship God

The only pathway to freedom is the pathway  
outlined in the Bible

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The book of Galatians is considered the Magna Carta of the New Testament—outlines who we are and what we're made for

"I am betrothed to this book. It has become my wife" —Martin Luther

## We celebrate freedom

Look at what He's done for you, then you let  
God change you from the inside out, not the  
outside in

Don't be in bondage again (v. 1)

At Calvary, Jesus paid your bill

"In God We Trust"—says so on all our currency

Do you personally trust in God? Do you trust in  
Jesus Christ alone?

"Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to the cross  
I cling"

## A suggested Prayer

Lord, I give you my life. I know I'm a sinner. Please forgive me. I believe that Jesus died on a cross, and that he rose from the dead, and that he did it for me. I turn from my sin; I leave my past behind. I turn to Jesus as my Savior. I want to live for him as my Lord, help me, in Jesus' name, amen.