

## **"HAVE YOU BEEN SET FREE?"**

**John 8:36** – *If the Son therefore shall make you free, Ye shall be free indeed.*



*In the month of July we, the People of these United State of America, celebrate our independence from the Kingdom of Great Britain. During the American Revolution, the legal separation of the thirteen colonies from Great Britain occurred on July 2, 1776. Independence Day, as we know it today, is the National Day of the United States and is celebrated annually on July 4<sup>th</sup>.*

*When I think of being set free, my mind quickly runs to my Fore parents who would no longer be owned by slave masters, but would now be considered free men and women; who would no longer be bound by the wishes of the master, but would actually have freedom to choose for themselves; who would no longer be sold into slavery as cattle, but would be treated equally to their counterparts; who would no longer be good enough to clean and care for the white man's children, but not good enough to sit at the white man's table and dine with him and his children. So I'd like to pose a question, "As a believer and follower of Christ, what does freedom look like to you?" John 8:36 says, "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." But free from what? Free from sin that has severed your relationship and royal inheritance to the Kingdom of God and all the treasures that lay there in? Free from a life that has no love; that knows no love; and that can give no love? Free from the cares of life that can weigh you down on your journey and cause you to stumble and fall?*

*Be honest with yourself. Are you truly living the life of freedom that God desires for you? Or do you have unresolved issues in your life that are causing you chronic worry and pain such as finances, broken relationships, health issues, unfulfilled dreams, lack of peace and joy or powerless witnessing for Christ? People of God, you've got to take back everything the devil has stolen from you, so you can be set free indeed. Satan only has five points of entry into your very being. They are: 1) Spiritual, 2) Financial, 3) Physical, 4) Emotional and 5) Relational. His mission is to kill, steal and destroy! And if he can keep you wrapped up, tied up, tangled up and bound up with the cares of this world, he can keep you distracted from living in your true purpose and divine destiny!*

*I want to encourage you on today. If you truly want to be set free, Bishop T. D. Jakes said, "Let it go!" Let go of the worries and cares that you are not humanly able to change and place them at the feet of Jesus! Let go of the negative thoughts which have taken up residence and captured your imagination. Instead think on things that are true, honest, just, pure, lovely, and of a good report. Let go of the concerns that you don't have enough money to make ends meet and understand that my God shall supply all of your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. Focus on the things you NEED first, then God will bless you with the DESIRES of your heart. The bible says, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you (Matthew 6:33). In all these things lies your Freedom! Let go of the anxiety which has caused your health to diminish and hold on to the Word of God which says, by His stripes you are healed! Let go of the broken relationships in your life and learn to forgive others, even when they don't ask for your forgiveness so you can be set free! Freedom is not for the perpetrator, it is for the victim!*

*Lately I've noticed the subject of "Forgiveness" has been repeatedly set before me via books, daily inspirational messages and sermons. Unforgiveness can keep you chained and bound up to past hurt, unexpected pain and deep sorrow! And while you are focusing on what has been done to you and who did it to you, the perpetrator has moved on to his/her next victim and is not thinking about you at all. As long as you dwell on the deed that has been done to you, you are allowing your perpetrator to have control over your life! Let it go! Every day that you are above ground is a good day to praise the Lord! If you want to be set free and be free indeed, let it go!*

**BBlessed!**

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