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The voice of those who escaped from behind the iron curtain

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Freedom!

Happy Independence Day to all our American partners and friends!

Here at JMM and in our Militaru family we do not take our freedoms for granted! We are so honored to live in a country where we can freely worship Jesus! I know we've had some ups and downs politically, but ultimately America is still a nation under God! This month we honor and remember the great sacrifices that so many men and women made for us, for our country, and our freedoms. Even more than that, we don't take lightly the price that JESUS paid for our freedom! Freedom is never free. A price has to be paid for any kind of freedom, and Jesus paid the penalty for sin and death. With that comes spiritual, emotional, mental, and physical freedom. What a privilege we have in Christ to be called children of the most High God. We have so much to be grateful for! So, how can we ever repay Jesus for being the ultimate sacrificial Lamb and dying in our place?

The truth is we can never repay Jesus for what He did on Calvary. What we can do is give Him glory, honor, praise, and thanksgiving for His sacrifice and live in the true freedom He paid the price for. In the same way we teach our kids to pay respect and honor to those who served our Country and to those who paid the price for our freedom, more importantly we need to teach them about the ultimate sacrifice, Jesus Christ, who died over 2000 years ago for our ETERNAL freedom. But it's not just eternal freedom that Jesus died for. It's so much more than that! He came to not only give us life, but to give us abundant life in total and complete freedom from the world's system (satan's system-Eph. 2:2,6:12). Satan's system is designed to keep people in bondage through the desires of the flesh, but God's system (His Kingdom) has turned the world's system upside down and leads us into complete freedom!

Jesus said, *I came that they may have and enjoy life, and have it in abundance [to the full, till it overflows].* John 10:10b. The only way to live in that abundance in God's system is to crucify the desires of the flesh. Apostle Paul, through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, says this about the flesh:

When you follow the desires of your sinful nature, the results are very clear: sexual immorality, impurity, lustful pleasures, idolatry, sorcery, hostility, quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissension, division, envy, drunkenness, wild parties, and other sins like these. Let me tell you again, as I have before, that anyone living that sort of life will not inherit the Kingdom of God Galatians 5:19-21.

Have you ever paused and meditated on the last part of that Scripture in Galatians? Jesus' sacrifice freed us from the works of the flesh **and** gave us power over them through His blood and His Word (Rev. 12:11). And we know from Romans 8:13 that the works of the flesh ultimately lead to death. If we look around our world today, we see a LOT of works of the flesh manifesting everywhere. Sadly, most Christians have become immune to the works of the flesh which makes it hard to recognize and differentiate between them and the fruit of the Spirit. Apostle Paul makes it very clear in this passage that if we continue living this sort of lifestyle, we will **not** be partakers of the Kingdom of God. This is not us saying it, it's the Word of God saying it. Friend, this is a very significant and grave statement that we need to take very seriously. We know from Galatians 5:17 that the flesh and the Spirit are always warring against each other. Everything having to do with

the flesh is to satisfy, gratify and pleasure the flesh. Everything having to do with the Spirit is to praise, gratify, and honor the Lord in every area. The flesh is all about ME-*what I have accomplished, how I look, where I have been, who I know, what my status is, what I deserve, what I buy, what I should show off on social media, etc.* BUT the Spirit takes the focus off of ME, puts it on God and gives Him all the credit. Jesus is the only One that **deserves** our glory, honor, reverence, praise forever amen! We no longer need to show the world who **we** are through our efforts. The fruit of the Spirit inside us should reflect who we are in Christ. Apostle Paul made this statement in Galatians 2:20, *I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.*

This virus of the works of the flesh has become more and more evident in our world today. What's more dangerous is that it is spreading to Christians around the world, keeping them in bondage and slavery. And like we said earlier, this makes it hard for Christians to differentiate between the works of the flesh and the fruit of the Spirit, and they become immune to the world's system. Before they know it, they become part of the world's system. Proverbs 4:19 says, *The way of the wicked is like darkness; They do not know what makes them stumble.* But we know that to those who ask, seek and knock, the door will be opened and the truth (the light) will be revealed to them (Matt. 7:7-8). We encourage you, our brothers and sisters, to stay connected in the Word of God **like never before** and surrounded by like-minded Christians who can encourage you and walk alongside you, so that you can live in the freedom that Jesus died to give you. The more we allow the Word through the Holy Spirit to penetrate and change us every day from the inside out, the more we can bring our flesh under submission and not give it permission to gratify its own sinful desires. When we truly live in that freedom, we become detached from earthly treasures, positions, titles, money, etc, and our focus shifts to eternal things (2 Cor. 4:18).

For if you live according to [the dictates of] the flesh, you will surely die. But if through the power of the [Holy] Spirit you are [habitually] putting to death (making extinct, deadening) the [evil] deeds prompted by the body, you shall [really and genuinely] live forever. Romans 8:13 AMPC

We are so **grateful and honored** that the Lord has set us apart for His purpose and calling to heal the broken hearted, set the captives free from the works of the flesh and open the prison doors to those who are in bondage (through Jesus and Him alone! Isaiah 61:1)! That's why we always say, *we're here to depopulate hell and populate heaven.* This isn't just a funny slogan that we use to stir up the body of Christ, but it's what we live for every day! And you, Spirit-called partners, are an essential part of His purpose and calling in this Ministry, too. Your financial and prayerful support are vital to this work and we thank you for being obedient to His Spirit and allowing Him to use you alongside us.

And as always, we encourage you to reach out for prayer and if you feel like you need deliverance from specific bondages in your life, please don't hold back. We, together in prayer, will shut the door in the devil's face once and for all in your life! Remember, it's not how you start; it's how you finish the race! We want to be a church set apart awaiting for the return of the Lord Jesus, and when we come face to face with our Father in heaven, we want to be able to say that we fought the good fight and finished our race in victory!

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day. Timothy 4:7-8a

In His Service,
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