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## ***“Fight for Freedom”***

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Civilizations over the centuries have fought and bled for freedom. Some attained it for a time, but the grab for power naturally comes along sooner or later. The landscape changes to a more powerful government which translates to less freedom for the citizens. This Fourth of July we celebrate again the birth of a free nation and freedoms we enjoy as citizens of the United States of America. We acknowledge with gratitude to God the myriad of men and women who sacrificed their lives for our freedom. We solemnly bow in gratitude to the families of over two centuries who have had to live with a hole in their hearts that would not be filled.

At the risk of seeming calloused to the sacrifices so many others have made, let's acknowledge that the freedom they paid so dearly for could one day go away. Celebrate freedom, but go beyond celebrating freedoms that can come and go. Find solid ground on true lasting freedom. Focus on the freedom that was won for us by the sacrifice of but one life. One man, a champion went to battle for us and died. Tragic? No. His death was a glorious payment to God that won us our freedom. The very same man, our God and our Redeemer, rose from the dead declaring victory over the enemy. We are now free from the slavery of sin, the prison house of death, and the tyranny of Satan. This freedom cannot be lost.

The landscape of the world can change drastically and often. Leaders come and go who wield power that we find difficult to stand up to. They attempt to grab power for themselves and take freedom from the people. The Lord

scoffs at them (Psalm 2). Our freedom never goes away. The one enthroned in heaven and he who won our freedom is the same Lord Jesus Christ. As the angel said of him at his birth, “His kingdom will never end” (Luke 1:33).

While the freedom we have in Christ will never, can never be taken away, that does not mean that we don't need to fight for it. The difference is that we don't have to fight to attain it. Jesus did that. As the church militant we fight to defend it but more characteristically of God's church we fight on the offensive to spread this freedom to every nation. We are not a meek and defeated people no matter what the landscape of the world seems to be. We have a power that none can match. We have the Word of God; we have the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. Fight valiantly, friends. Fight the good fight of faith within ourselves first of all. Hold the gospel dear and meditate on it daily. The Sword of the Spirit will slay our Old Adam again and lead us to repentance. Then the Sword of the Spirit goes before us to announce freedom for every captive soul.

While we praise God this month and thank him for the unprecedented freedoms that we have enjoyed as citizens of the good old USA, let's appreciate them as earthly freedoms that can change. Pray for our country that these freedoms might remain until the coming of our Lord Jesus. But more importantly focus our eyes on the greater freedom that no tyrant can take away—freedom from sin, death, and hell through our Lord Jesus Christ.

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