

Devotional Tools: SeniorWalk



We are remembering our history this week, grateful for our founding fathers and the soldiers who fought to gain our freedom as an independent country. It was a costly and risky endeavor. But the farmers and townspeople listened to their hearts wanting to break free from unfair governing. They took the responsibility necessary to accomplish their freedom.

Our lives as Christians can parallel that struggle. However, it was God, not us, who paid the price for our freedom from the slavery of sin by raising a Son to model our intended life and then, at such an early age, sacrificing his life for the ultimate ransom, paid in full.

By daring to believe that we are forgiven as a gift of grace, we now have the responsibility to “sin no more.” In order to do this, God has provided his Spirit to live within us. The Spirit calls and enlightens us, opening the way to believing that God is who he says he is, and that he will do what he says he will do. The Spirit not only calls us to believe but also provides faith itself. Sin will search out our weakness and seek to lure us back into bondage. With God as our courage and strength, we will rise above this snare and live in true freedom.

What struggles do you face? How can you get some relief from your burden? How are you imprisoned by the Old Testament laws? How does Jesus give you both freedom and responsibility?

Read Philippians 4:13, Matthew 6:25-26, and 2 Corinthians 2:14. In what ways can we focus on Jesus and others, and relieve the pressure we have put on ourselves?

There have been many times throughout my life when I didn't think I could manage the crises that appeared before me. But when I stop and pray for God's wisdom, courage, and strength to guide me through the trouble and give me patience to withstand, he never fails me.

Lord, I am free because of you. Thank you for forgiving me and my failings in life. I am so grateful for your love and compassion. Thank you for living inside me and giving me access to your Holy Spirit power to believe and trust in you. Help me to witness to others about your presence in my life. In your very holy name, Amen.