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Total Freedom

Dear Friends,

As I sit here writing this letter to all of our partners and friends I am thinking, what a great honor and privilege it is to be able to speak and teach about our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

IOU Ministries mission statement is this "Individuals Openly United to Worship God in Total Freedom" Total freedom. No strings attached.

I love the fact that we still live in a free country. Regardless of your political views, America is still the greatest country the world has ever known. The question comes to mind, what has it cost us to have such a freedom? It costs us nothing and everything at the



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Having a Goal

If you don't have a goal, you will probably accomplish nothing. In Proverbs the scripture is clear...people without a vision...perish. If you don't have something that you are reaching toward, you just live helter skelter and perhaps your life shows an immature life style or you leave no legacy for others to follow. If you are not in a position to see what God is doing or see where God is leading you, you will surely make stupid mistakes and perhaps need to start all over again and again and again and again.

No matter what goal you make for

same time. We have given up and lost brave men and women that have fought for our country in our behalf to give us such a freedom. The scripture says "Greater love hath no man than he be willing to give his life for his friends" (John 15:13) That is on the natural side of life. Now lets look at the spiritual side.

Our freedom in Christ didn't cost us anything but It cost Him everything. We sometimes look over the fact that a man (Jesus) literally gave His life for you and I. Yes we have men and women giving their lives for our country as a whole, but God didn't just love the World as a whole but He loved **You** as an individual. I have often said if you were the only person on the planet God would have still sent His Son to die for you.

So what does being free really mean?

The word freedom means to have liberty. The scripture tells us that "Where the Spirit of the Lord is there is liberty" or there is freedom. (2 Corinthians 3:17) Freedom to live a life with peace. Freedom to live a life with hope and courage. Freedom to live with the knowledge that we have a protector and His weapon is His blood. The enemy doesn't want you to have freedom or liberty. He is constantly reminding you of the inconsistencies in your life, but Christ blood has cleansed you from your unrighteousness and given you the freedom to worship and praise Him

yourself, it's the reason behind your goal that signifies what it is important.

I have a friend that told me constantly ... I want to quit smoking...that was a great statement, but there was no reason behind it and no action to follow. One day the statement changed...I want to quit smoking because I want to see a change in my life or in my health.

Presto! There was a reason to verify "I want to quit". It's been over a year now and that person is smoke free.

We need to state the goal and make strides to get there. The goal is important but the reason behind the goal is even more important. If you have a goal without a plan, it's the same as saying... I wish...I wish...I wish. Don't wish your life away. Set a goal....start small if you have to.

Reach that goal and set another. Soon you will be on your way to seeing the larger vision being fulfilled.

If you live on wishful thinking, there will be no change in your life. If you can provide yourself with a logical and emotional meaning to your goal, it will help your mind accept the information and you will begin to move closer to the vision before you.

Don't take your eyes off of the vision. Keep it before you at all times. Write it down! Keep it in your possession. Keep it as a frontlet...forever in your mind. Let all things work toward that vision or goal. Even the smallest of

without holding your head down.

When we see the American flag flying high we have the assurance that someone has been protecting us and we have the confidence of being free. The same applies to us as children of God. We have confidence that we have been covered by the blood of Jesus and we are free in Him So look up, hold your shoulders back, raise your head and take your liberty in God. Our freedom is only because we had a Savior that was willing to give His life for us. Freedom has its price, and it has been paid in full with the blood of Jesus . So we are free to worship God in Spirit and in truth and we are free to live our lives in total freedom

Sincerely yours,

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things can elevate you toward your goal. If you take one step, the Lord will take two.

I remember the story about the men who lay dying outside the gate...they finally figured if we're going to die...let's try to do something before it happens.... the moment they got up and headed toward something... God began to move on their behalf.
(II Kings 7)

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