

FREEDOM

Freedom is probably the most costly of principles. You think about the battles that have been fought for the United States of America to continue to have freedoms. Many thousands have given their lives for us to enjoy what we have. It should cause us to remember that freedom carries with it a great deal of responsibilities. Our nation seems to want more rights than we do responsibilities. Freedom involves responsibility.

When I looked up the word freedom in the Bible, I found that it only occurred one time in the New Testament. When Paul was discussing the fact that he was a Roman citizen, it is stated in Acts 22:28, "And the chief captain answered, With a great sum obtained I this freedom. And Paul said, But I was *free* born." The chief captain had paid a great sum of money to obtain his freedom and to be a Roman citizen. People risk their lives every day to come to the United States in order to enjoy the freedoms we have and to seek a better life.

The greatest freedom we can have is spiritual freedom in Christ, which Paul described in Galatians 5:13-15, Paul also tells us about this freedom in Romans 6:18 and continues through verse 22. We have freedom from sin to do what is right. If you continue to do the will of God you cannot lose this freedom.

ENCOURAGEMENT

In our daily walks in life, we all need encouragement. Many Bible characters faced the same disappointing problems we face in modern times.

One had been selected by God to accomplish a task larger perhaps than any ever known to mankind. He was to lead people away from slavery, help to organize them into a nation and take them to a land flowing with abundance. The task was awesome, but God was with him. Unfortunately, the pressures got to him, and we read of him failing to give proper credit to God. Subsequently, he was told that he would not be allowed to enter that Promised Land with those he was leading. How sad to spend all of one's life working toward something only to have it denied because of one failure. Yet, that was the verdict upon Moses!

Did Moses give up? No! He knew that there was something better after this life if he continued to carry out God's will. Therefore, he continued to lead Israel toward the Promised Land and to encourage a new generation. He was especially encouraging to his successor. Before Moses departed this life, he stood before this new generation of Israelites and stated, "But Joshua the son of Nun, which standeth before thee, he shall go in thither, encourage him: for he shall cause Israel to inherit it" (Deuteronomy 1:38). What a wonderful attitude! How encouraged Joshua must have been to have this great leader, in a moment of extreme personal sadness, asking the people he was leading to encourage him. Although Moses did not have a formal human-style funeral, he had the

best funeral director ever known. “So Moses the servant of the Lord died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the Lord. And he buried him in a valley in the land of Moab, over against Bethpeor: but no man knoweth of his sepulcher unto to this day” (Deuteronomy 34:5-6).

What a great encouragement this should be to all of us. Even if we fail, there is hope if we determine that we are going to work for something beyond this life. We may lose many things in this life, but God’s promises still abide. We are encouraged by the statement, “If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable” (1 Corinthians 15:19). What better funeral arrangements could have been made for Moses? How wonderful to know that God will take care of things in due time.

Sometimes the burdens of frustration seem to overwhelm us. Yet, we also need not to be overly concerned about ourselves while trying to encourage others. How wonderful it is indeed to have encouragement come sometimes from unexpected sources.

—Arlis Richardson, gospelgazette.com, 07/17

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VACATION
BIBLE
SCHOOL

**“EXCAVATE, DISCOVERING THE TREASURES
OF JESUS”**

JULY 8-12TH.

6:30 – 8:00 PM

CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

REFRESHMENTS EACH NIGHT

53 LAKESIDE DR. CARTHAGE TN.

THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

WORSHIP—SUNDAY AM

JULY 01, 2018

Coordinator Mitchell Brooks

Announcements Jacky Carver Sr.

Scripture Reading. Acts 20:32 John Leonard

Song Leader Glen Reece

Opening Prayer. Steve Anderson

Lord's Supper-Preside: Robert Hackett

Serve: George Clay, Austin Clay,

Kaleb Bush, Gavin Spurlin

Closing Prayer.....Brian Smith

Greeter— Ted & Vicki Russell

Greeter— Dianna Dillehay & Susanne

Count Offering. Dallas Eddie

. Kaleb Bush

AM Sermon—

PM Sermon—

WORSHIP---SUNDAY---6:00 PM

Announcements Jacky Carver Sr.

Song Leader. Glen Reece

Scripture Reading, .I Tim. 2:4 John Leonard

Opening Prayer George Clay

Lord's Supper Mitchell Brooks

. Dallas Eddie

Closing Prayer Justin Draper

BIBLE STUDY WEDNESDAY---7:00 PM

Announcements Jacky Carver Sr.
Song Leader Glen Reece
First Prayer. Roger Draper
Opening Prayer George Clay
Closing Prayer Dallas Eddie

Prepare Communion for **JULY**

Melanie

MONTROSE BULLETIN BOARD

NURSING HOME:

Opal Agee-Kindred
Pearl Anderson—Knollwood Manor,

THOSE ON THE SICK LIST;

W. A. Gibbs, Gladys Bowling,
Jimmie Faye Cole, Sawyer Cole,
Ramelle Cole,
Susanne Tisdale, Billy Halliburton

Sympathy to the Kasel Dillehay family in her passing.

OUR RECORD OF LOVE FOR CHRIST

06/24/18

Wednesday.	85
Worship Sunday AM	65
Bible Study Sunday AM	48
Daily Bible Readers	29
Worship Sunday PM	N/A

UPCOMING EVENTS:

July 1st. Smith Co. Health Care 2:00 pm
July 1st. Elders, Deacons, Minister Meet
July 8-12th. VBS 6:30 each night
July 15-21st. JSCYC
July 29th. Young men conduct service

BIBLE READING FOR JULY

1 Ps 116-120	11 Ps 150;	21 Eccle, 1-3
2 Ps121-123	Prov. 1,2	22 Eccle. 4-8
3 Ps124-126	12 Prov. 3-5	23 Eccle. 9-11
4 Ps127-129	13 Prov. 6-8	24 Eccle. 12;
5 Ps130-132	14 Pro. 9-11	S. of S. 1-2
6 Ps133-135	15 Pro 12-16	25 S of Sol. 3-5
7 Ps136-138	16 Pro 17-19	26 S of Sol. 6-8
8 Ps139-143	17 Pro 20-22	27 Isaiah1-3
9 Ps144-146	18 Pro 23-25	28 Isa. 4-6
10 Ps147-149	19 Pro 26-28	29 Isa. 7-11
	20 Pro 29-31	30 Isa. 12-14
		31 Isa. 15-17

