

NEWSLETTER

ESSENTIAL VERSES



So if the Son (Jesus) sets you free, you will be free indeed.

-John 8:36



For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

-Galatians 5:1



Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God.

-1 Peter 2:16



Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

-2 Corinthians 3:17



Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

-John 8:32

FREEDOM IN CHRIST

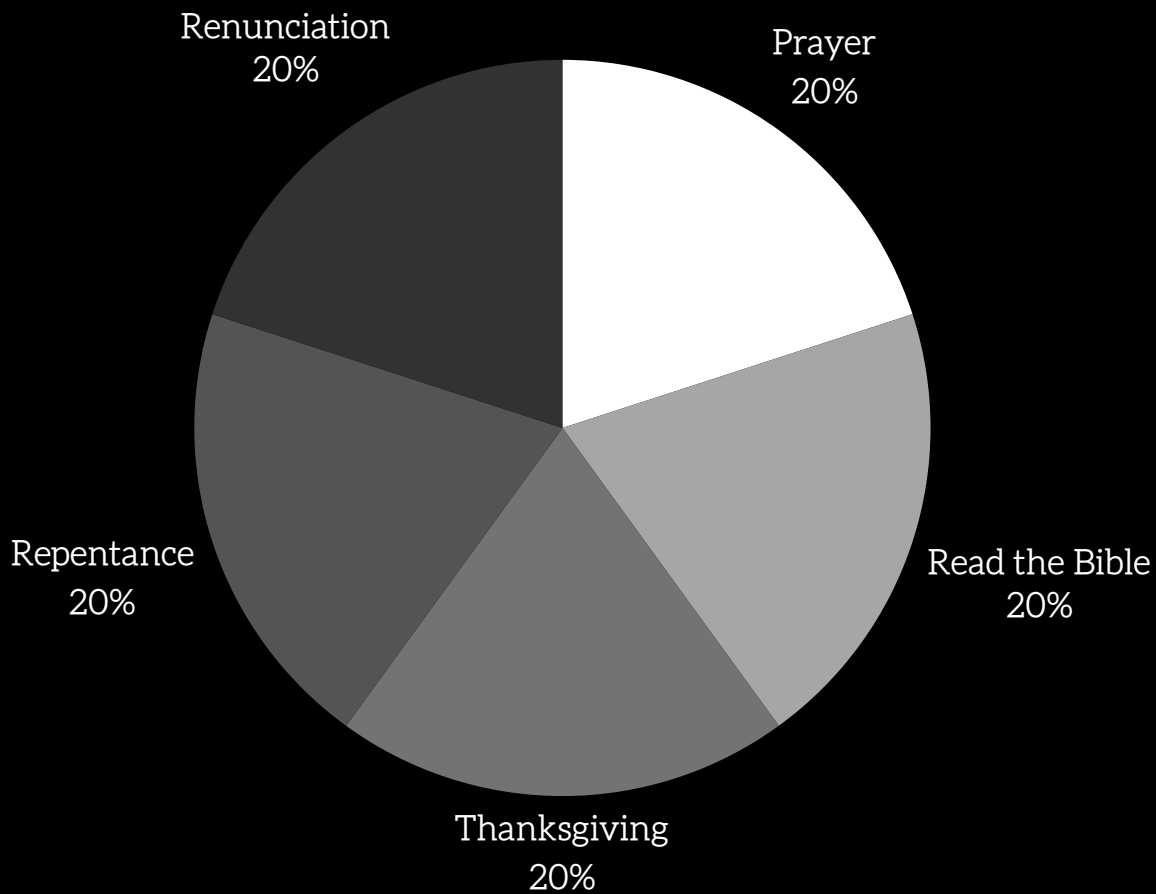
As Americans we pride ourselves on the fundamental right to our freedom. We have fought wars and expended countless resources for freedom. The mere notion that our freedom might be endangered awakens in us a determination to protect and defend our freedom against all enemies foreign and domestic. Americans are proud Patriots. But, are we proud Christians? As Christians are we willing to defend our spiritual freedom with as much fervor as we defend our physical freedom?

We are living in the land of the free yet bound and enslaved in the spirit. The Bible never equates physical freedom with spiritual freedom. Apostle Paul illustrates this in Acts 16:16-40. Through Apostol Paul's example, we comprehend that you can be physically imprisoned, chained, and retrained but not be a prisoner in the spirit. Paul while in chains praised and prayed gladly and the Holy Spirit manifested Himself. The presence of God was felt so mightily in the prison that even the jailer received spiritual freedom through salvation.

Paul understood that circumstances, riches, poverty, heartbreak, titles, and everything else that this world has to offer means nothing in comparison to the freedom that we can acquire in Christ. Paul states in Philippians 4:8, "Everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage, so that I could gain Christ."

As we celebrate this season of Freedom during 4th of July may we never forget that there is no true freedom without Christ.





ESTABLISHING FREEDOM IN CHRIST:

1. Pray

Praying establishes your surrender to God and invites His will to be done on earth as it is in heaven.

- **Pray 5 minutes minimum first thing in the morning**
- **Pray 5 minutes before going to bed**

2. Read the Bible

Reading the Bible opens our spiritual eyes to the truth and helps us to decipher Satan's lies.

- **Read the Bible at least 20 minutes per day**

3. Give Thanks

Thanksgiving refocuses our perspective towards God. As a result, it diminishes the giants before us and reestablishes the power of God in our current situation.

- **Give thanks for 10 minutes throughout the day**

4. Repent

Repentance recognizes our shortcomings, surrenders them to Christ, and realigns our heart and deeds to the will of God.

- **Confess your daily shortcomings at the end of the day and release them to God**

5. Renounce

Renunciation allows us to have freedom in Christ because it liberates us from all obstructions that hinder our relationship with him.

Ex: guilt, addictions, condemnations, generational curses, etc.

- **Step 1:** Confess the struggle
- **Step 2:** Renounce & command the struggle to loose in Jesus name
- **Step 3:** Proclaim the blood of Jesus over your life