

## Liberated to live

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Freedom is one of the most-prized human ideals, and as Americans, we are blessed to live in a nation where we can serve God with unreserved obedience. Throughout our great history, people have fought and given their lives to be liberated from tyranny. We know that the rights and privileges we enjoy today have come at an incredible price. So, as we celebrate the 234th anniversary of our Founding Fathers signing the Declaration of Independence, I challenge you to consider both the freedom from oppression we enjoy in the United States and the liberty from sin we have through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

These are important subjects to consider, because as our nation enters another election season, we must be wise and watchful. The decisions being made and the direction the country will take in the months and years ahead are sure to impact many generations. If we make the mistake of surrendering control of our lives and country to those who act contrary to God's Word, we will find ourselves bound by the same chains our forefathers cast off so long ago.

That is why it is critically important for all Americans to seek and obey God, because it's only through Him that we have true liberty to live life at its best. Therefore, the first thing we need to do is make the choice to put the Lord first in everything we do. We must reject the destructive ways of the world and choose to live in submission to our Heavenly Father, as it says in John 8:34-36.

Second, we must trust God to change the course and character of our nation. According to 2 Chronicles 7:14, we are to be salt and light in our communities, stepping out in obedience with the faith that He will hear from Heaven and heal our land.

Third, we are to fight this battle for America's future on our knees. It is our duty as Christians to pray for our leaders in the hope that they will turn their hearts to do the will of God. Only He can transform them into men and women who will truly honor Him, as it says in 1 Timothy 2:1-4.

We may not know who will hold the seats of power across America months from now, but we do know the King of kings and the Lord of lords. So, let us embrace the freedom He's given us and thank Him for liberating us to live for His name's sake — and may God continue to bless America. Copyright 2010 In Touch Ministries, Inc. Used by permission. All rights reserved. [www.intouch.org](http://www.intouch.org)