

Finding A Freedom that Fulfills



Welcome to the NewDay Worship Service today! We are thankful for an opportunity to draw close to Jesus today.

Worshipping Our Lord Together

Serenity Prayer.

*God, grant me the serenity
to accept the things I cannot change,
the courage to change the things I can,
and the wisdom to know the difference.*

*Living one day at a time,
enjoying one moment at a time;
accepting hardship as a pathway to peace;
taking, as Jesus did,
this sinful world as it is,
not as I would have it;
trusting that You will make all things right
if I surrender to Your will;
so that I may be reasonably happy in this life
and supremely happy with You forever in the next.
Amen.*

You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love.

For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command:

"Love your neighbor as yourself."

Galatians 5:13-14

READ: Proverbs 14:31-34

- 31 Whoever oppresses the poor shows contempt for their Maker,
but whoever is kind to the needy honors God.
32 When calamity comes, the wicked are brought down,
but even in death the righteous seek refuge in God.
33 Wisdom reposes in the heart of the discerning
and even among fools she lets herself be known.
34 **Righteousness exalts a nation,
but sin condemns any people.**

"Righteousness" = the standard by which God says we are doing right the character trait or quality of being just or right. Approved by God

The First Amendment to the Bill of Rights guarantees the following rights: *Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.*

To lead a nation, it takes form of religious virtue.

Benjamin Franklin said: "Only a virtuous people are capable of freedom."

John Adams, observed, "Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious People. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other."

James Madison stated: "But what is government itself, but the greatest of all reflections on human nature?"

How does "righteousness exalt a nation?"

1. The people...

2. The people and leaders...

3. The culture...



How does God's truth set us free?

(John 8:31-38, 42-47)

³¹ Jesus said to the people who believed in him, "You are truly my disciples if you remain faithful to my teachings. ³² And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

³³ "But we are descendants of Abraham," they said. "We have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean, 'You will be set free?'"

³⁴ Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave of sin. ³⁵ A slave is not a permanent member of the family, but a son is part of the family forever. ³⁶ So if the Son sets you free, you are truly free. ³⁷ Yes, I realize that you are descendants of Abraham. And yet some of you are trying to kill me because there's no room in your hearts for my message. ³⁸ I am telling you what I saw when I was with my Father. But you are following the advice of your father."...

⁴² Jesus told them, "If God were your Father, you would love me, because I have come to you from God. I am not here on my own, but he sent me.

⁴³ Why can't you understand what I am saying? It's because you can't even hear me! ⁴⁴ For you are the children of your father the devil, and you love to do the evil things he does. He was a murderer from the beginning. He has always hated the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, it is consistent with his character; for he is a liar and the father of lies. ⁴⁵ So when I tell the truth, you just naturally don't believe me! ⁴⁶ Which of you can truthfully accuse me of sin? And since I am telling you the truth, why don't you believe me? ⁴⁷ Anyone who belongs to God listens gladly to the words of God. But you don't listen because you don't belong to God."

We are set free for what purpose?

(Note: Deuteronomy 6:24-25)²⁴ And the Lord our God commanded us to obey all these decrees and to fear him so he can continue to bless us and preserve our lives, as he has done to this day. ²⁵ For we will be counted as righteous when we obey all the commands the Lord our God has given us.

Respond & Apply: Individual & Small Group Discussion Guide

Discuss the following statements in light of Jesus statement below:
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John Adams: "Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious People. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other."

James Madison: "But what is government itself, but the greatest of all reflections on human nature?"

John 14:15-17 (Jesus said...) ¹⁵ "If you love me, obey my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, who will never leave you. ¹⁷ He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth. The world cannot receive him, because it isn't looking for him and doesn't recognize him. But you know him, because he lives with you now and later will be in you.

PRAYER FOR OUR NEWDAY STAFF & LEADERS

We have been looking at where God might be leading us as a congregation to meet each week for worship and ministry. We are in conversations with various churches, places, and ministries in our city. Our goal is to find where we might best collaborate to succeed in our mission, vision, and values. Please continue to keep us in prayer as we pursue these conversations over the next few months in preparation for this fall. Thank you!

NewDay Envisioning Our Ministry Values

- 1. We are a community that has a passion to serve others.**
- 2. We are a community that longs for deeper life relationships with God and others.**
- 3. We are passionate about investing in children, youth, and families.**
- 4. We are a people who have a desire to be led by and experience the power of the Holy Spirit in everyday life.**

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