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joy, freedom and  
*independence*

*John 15:13*

*Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business.*

*Matthew 10:39*

*Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it. If you cling to your life, you will lose it; but if you give up your life for me, you will find it.*

*Ephesians 5:2*

*and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.*

*1 Peter 2:16*

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

*Galatians 5:1*

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

*2 Corinthians 3:17*

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

## Key Points

- Freedom is not free. Many have paid the ultimate sacrifice. Jesus paid THE ultimate sacrifice.
- There are a lot of things many people take for granted. Taking time to pause and remember what freedom and independence represent can keep us grounded and humble.
- It is an honor and privilege to serve our country.
- It is an honor and privilege to serve the Lord.

## Reflection:

Who has influenced your faith? If that person is still living, write a letter or note to that person letting them know how much their faith influenced your faith.

What does freedom mean to you? What are the ways you experience freedom every day?

What does freedom in Christ mean to you?

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