

“All for Freedom”
Veterans Message
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Note: Unless otherwise noted, all Scriptures are from the NIV Bible.

As someone wrote:

It is the VETERAN, not the preacher,
who has given us freedom of religion.

It is the VETERAN, not the reporter,
who has given us freedom of the press.

It is the VETERAN, not the poet,
who has given us freedom of speech.

It is the VETERAN, not the campus organizer,
who has given us freedom to assemble.

It is the VETERAN, not the lawyer,
who has given us the right to a fair trial.

It is the VETERAN, not the politician,
Who has given us the right to vote.

It is the VETERAN, who salutes the Flag,
Who serves under the Flag. (Author Anonymous)



1 Peter 2:13-14 “Submit yourselves for the Lord’s sake to every human authority: whether to the emperor, as the supreme authority, or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right.”

- We are to submit ourselves to governing authority.
- We are to submit ourselves to the president’s authority “for the Lord’s sake.”
- God is telling us that if we do not obey the law of the land, the governors will punish you.

Our Identity Has Not Changed.

Genesis 1:26-27 “Then God said, ‘Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.’ So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.”

Remember to Remember.

2 Timothy 1:3 “I thank God, whom I serve, as my ancestors did, with a clear conscience, as night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers.”

2 Timothy 1:5 “I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also.”

1. REMEMBER OTHERS

Romans 1:8-10 “First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is being reported all over the world. God, whom I serve in my spirit in preaching the gospel of his Son, is my witness how constantly I remember you in my prayers at all times; and I pray that now at last by God’s will the way may be opened for me to come to you.”

- Paul always remembered other people.

Philippians 2:4 “...not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.”

Two Questions:

1. Are people happier after they are with me?
2. Are people better off because they have spent time with me?

Always try to discover other people’s good qualities.

Galatians 6:9-10 “Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.”

2. OUR BLESSED FREEDOM

Jesus Gave His Life for YOU.

1 Corinthians 11:24 "...when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, 'This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.'"

John 15:13 "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends."

Freedom In Christ

Galatians 5:1 "It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery."

"And while we are remembering, let us also remember our Savior; Jesus Christ, who gave everything He had, so we could have the salvation He offers." (Janet K Cook)

Benediction:

"God be merciful unto us, and bless us;
and cause his face to shine upon us; Selah.
That thy way may be known upon earth,
thy saving health among all nations.
Let the people praise thee, O God;
let all the people praise thee.
O let the nations be glad and sing for joy:
for thou shalt judge the people righteously,
and govern the nations upon earth. Selah.
Let the people praise thee, O God;
let all the people praise thee.
Then shall the earth yield her increase;
and God, even our own God, shall bless us.
God shall bless us;
and all the ends of the earth shall fear him" Psalm 67:1-7 (KJV).