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*Christian Seeking Indentity*  
A Ministry of Alpha & Omega International Ministries

## OUR FREEDOM-It's Been Paid For !

Greeting Family and Friends,

We pray that you and your family are enjoying your summer. We have enjoyed having the time to spend with family and friends. Our summer has been full.

America has just celebrated her Day of Independence; a day that represents freedom, liberty and justice for all. This is something that we as Christians need to keep in the forefront of our minds and in our hearts despite what we might be seeing on the news or hearing from others. Rom 12:2 says to not be

conformed to this world, but rather be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."

Sometimes when we hear of things happening in the world we have a tendency to want to fix things but not in the way that Jesus would. Let us not get caught in the *riptide* of life. We hope that this month's teaching will bless you and give you another way to think about the things that are going on around us.

### Don't Get Caught

#### in the Riptide

Not long ago I was very frustrated with both myself and with the world in general. I was feeling empty and discouraged. The United States is falling apart; gay marriages have been legalized, churches are being burned, people are killing people, and

Christianity is being challenged on every front. Things just don't seem to be working the way that they are supposed to work.

I went for a walk and happened to look up at one of the trees. It was beautiful. I thought of Psalms 8: *When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained, what is man that thou art mindful of him?* I said, God, you are awesome. Your creation displays your splendor and nothing can compare with it. You did an amazing job! But what happened to man? You said that everything you created was good, and when you created man you said that it was very good! Is that the best you could do? Look at him! Look at all the trouble that he causes. Look at all the suffering he endures.

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I heard God say, “*Don’t get caught in the riptide.*” As a swimming instructor I had been taught all about riptides. When someone gets caught in one, his first instinct is to swim directly towards the shore and that is how he gets in trouble. The harder he fights it, the more it overcomes him. In order to get out of its forces he must swim parallel to shore until he gets beyond the outgoing current, and then he can swim to safety.

God said, let’s put this concept into a spiritual setting. *There is a way that seems right unto man, but the end thereof is vain. Proverbs 14:12* When things don’t go right, the natural instinct is to react according to the principles of the law: That is wrong and we need to do something about it. The trouble is, this approach never works! The law strengthens sin. It doesn’t change anything. Law mentality is a trap that will lead to death!

We can take the religious stand. We can protest. We can make judgments and pass out blame and condemnation. We can curse what is

happening in the world and make a concentrated effort to eradicate the evil with legislation. In the end it will not change the hearts of those involved! It will just make them more determined to have their way. It will turn them away from God, and Christianity and it makes God look bad.

*The battle is not ours, it is the Lords.* Everyone is looking for a sense of identity and purpose. God knows that because he created man with the need for that. When we find ourselves being challenged with the things of this world, we need to remember what people are looking for. We need to remember that this search drives them to do what they do. We need to see them the way that God sees them and we need to align ourselves with the truth of grace. Grace does not fight battles with weapons, swords, and words of accusation. Grace changes people from the inside out by using the Holy Spirit to change the way that they think about themselves and about God. People are motivated by love, not by the

law. Love turns people to God and law drives people away from God.

Jesus never compromised his father’s love. He only did what his father told him to do. Jesus loved people! He met them where they were. He did not pass out judgment and condemnation. **John 3:16-17** He set people free from bondage. We are Jesus to this world. We are ministers of the spirit, not of the letter. Ministers of the Spirit make people God conscious, not sin conscious. Get your bearings. Align yourself with the truth. Wait until you know that you have heard from God and then make your move. It will save you life and theirs too!

*God Bless you!  
Your friends,  
Mickey & Suzan*

## Our Schedule

Aug. 14-24 Nicaragua-Seminars in Managua, Chinandega & Esteli  
Aug. 24-Sept.1 Ecuador-Seminar in Quito  
Sept. 1-9 Colombia- Seminar in Cucuta

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