



Greeting Family & Friends,

We trust that you are enjoying this summer and God's best for you and your families lives. Many have been the challenges and tribulations in our everyday lives BUT faithful has been God to lead us through these and show us the victory that is already paid for and ours. We Thank God every day for His love, joy, peace and faithfulness. And we Thank you for your continued prayers and support.

God Bless You!

Your friends,

Mickey & Suzan

## *Freedom Means Surrendering*

That is absurd, to surrender is a sign of weakness, of giving up and I will never surrender. This is what I and most of you probably have always heard taught to us all of our lives. But, for us to truly experience *freedom, peace and rest* in our lives, we need to be *totally surrendered to our Lord!*

When we talk about freedom and what it costs, we need to consider all the factors.

I believe that we could agree that many who have come before us have given sacrificially of themselves to the point that they have even given their lives in their fight for freedom.

It is interesting because if we look at it from a global standpoint of view, all of the countries throughout the world have gone through, or are going through similar fights pursuing life liberty and happiness.

What is even more interesting to me, is that when I think of pursuing freedom on a personal level, it is something totally different. Totally different because the Bible tells me that the battle is

not mine; *the battle is the Lords* (2Chronicles 20:15). The Bible tells me that the battle has already been won and I am the victor. For me to be able to walk personally in this liberty I am talking about, I have to ask the key question, what must I do? What is my part?

In this month's newsletter, I would like to share with you what God has been speaking to me in this area. From a man's standpoint of view, we men have a tendency to be problem solvers. When we encounter a situation, the first instinct that comes up is, how do I resolve the problem. But God has shown me that, that's not my part. It took a long time for me to *let go* if I could use that term and replace it with *let God*. I'm reminded of the story once told by a pastor about a gentleman who had fallen over a cliff. On his way down from the fall he managed to grab onto a limb. He was hanging on and crying out, "Help, help, help! Is anyone there that can help me?" After distinctly hearing a voice that said, "Let go," his immediate response was, "Is there anybody else up there that can help me"? Unbeknownst to him, he

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was only a three-inch fall from the path that would have quickly led him safely down the mountain. Sometimes I find myself faced with similar situations when I'm given directions by the Holy Spirit. God has an easy answer, but I let my intellectual pride and ego over-ride the voice of the Holy Spirit, I find myself standing alone facing impossible odds because inadvertently I have allowed God to be factored right out of the equation. I could have saved myself a lot of anxious moments if I had only let go when God told me to.

This takes place on a global level as we try to face current events without our savior in mind. We get our roles as sons of God turned around and we find ourselves trying to be our own God.

You might say it does not make sense to switch roles with God, or with each other as far as that goes. But because it is part of human nature, we do it every day without thinking. This has happened over the ages in many different countries and in many different cultures and has caused an upset in the balance of things. One of the ways this has happened is when men have gone off to war for a number of years. The women who are left at home have to take up the slack. They have to maintain their roles as women and at the same time pick up the men's roles in order to keep the families going. The problem comes in when the exhausted men return from war and see that things are running smoothly without them, it is tempting for them to take on a more complacent role and equally hard for the women to relinquish the control that they have been forced to assume.

I find myself being ever so gently reminded by the Holy Spirit of the words spoken by Jesus; "take my yoke upon you, my yoke is easy and my burden is light" (Matt.11:29-30), "Come unto me all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matt.11:28).

It is then that I start to see my position in what is happening and in the circumstance before me. That's when I hear the words of Jesus say to me: Mat 6:27 Which of you (*Mickey*) by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature?

Mat 6:28 And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin:

Mat 6:29 And yet I say unto you(*Mickey*), That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

Mat 6:30 Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, *shall he* not much more *clothe* you(*Mickey*), O ye of little faith?

Mat 6:31 Therefore take no thought(*Mickey*), saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?

Mat 6:32 (For after all these things do the Gentiles(*The world*) seek:) **for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye(*Mickey*) have need of all these things.**

Mat 6:33 But(*Mickey*) seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things(*Mickey*) shall be added unto you.

Mat 6:34 Take therefore no thought(*Mickey*) for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day *is* the evil thereof.

I encourage you today to, "Let go" and "Let God" because He wants to DO for you in EVERY area of need that you have in your life!