



Based on a true story, the movie, “Braveheart,” follows the tale of a Scottish knight, William Wallace, as he leads his people to freedom from the English. A scene at the end of the drama has become one of the most iconic speeches in modern movie history. Wallace delivers a speech before the decisive battle that reminds us of the high price and value of living in freedom:

“Fight and you may die. Run, and you’ll live, at least a while. And dying in your beds many years from now, would you be willing to trade *all* the days, from this day to that, for one chance, just one chance, to come back here and tell our enemies that they may take our lives, but they’ll never take...our *freedom!*” — William Wallace, “Braveheart”

People fight for freedom. They die for it. The truth is that we once were slaves to our sin under the power of satan and his kingdom. We were without hope and without God in the world. But then, the Light of the World broke through the clouds and fought and died for our freedom. He rushed to the battle line and redeemed us, buying us back and fully forgiving and restoring us. As a result, we are eternally *free* beings! And this freedom isn’t subject to the tide of ever changing circumstances of our day. Fear has lost, and freedom is yours. You are free to follow Jesus and free to be *you* forever — no matter who your boss is, where you live, who sits in the White House, what people say about you or any weight from your enemy that seeks to threaten your joy. You are an eternal being, eternally free. Even if he were to take your life, you’d immediately open your eyes in your forever destiny and know so profoundly that he could never take your freedom! Live free and forgiven today!

“If the son sets you *free*, you will be *free indeed!*” John 8:36 – Emphasis added.

“For He has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son He loves, in whom we have *redemption*, the *forgiveness* of sins” Colossians 1:13-14 – Emphasis added.

“Therefore, there is now *no condemnation* for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you *free* from the law of sin and death. Romans 8:1-2 – Emphasis added.

QUESTIONS FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION:

1. *What circumstances are presently trying to steal your joy and freedom, or hinder you from being who God made you to be? Declare his freedom over each of your circumstances today!*

2. Ask the Lord to begin making your spirit aware of everything he has already purchased for you. As he brings them to mind, begin to state them out loud as he shifts your perspective from your passing trials to the overwhelming joy of your secure inheritance.

WORSHIP RESOURCE:

“I am overcome. I am wholly undone.”

Listen to “The Joy of the Lord” by Caleb & Jamaris. Find more info about their album at the back of the devotional.

PRAYER:

Thank you, Father! I am free in Jesus. I am no longer under the law of sin and death; I am forgiven! I worship you, Lord, for this great and precious freedom. I rejoice in what you’ve done for me! I choose to allow your Kingdom to rule and reign in me so that I can be free today and every day from the darkness that tries to dominate me. I declare that your light dwells in me and destroys the enemy’s darkness.

LISTENING TIME:

Stop for a few minutes and ask the Lord what he wants to say to you. He might bring to mind a picture, a word, a song, an encouragement, a Scripture or an answer to a burden in your heart. Don’t rush or feel pressure to figure out the meaning of your impressions. Just invite him to speak and draw or write down what you sense. Afterward, ask God to help you discern and understand what he is saying to you. You might want to ask other trusted friends in the Kingdom for their input as well.

USE THE FOLLOWING SPACE TO RECORD WHAT GOD IS SAYING



TOOLS FOR FAMILY DEVOTIONS:

Talk about how the enemy holds us hostage when we don’t forgive others (Matthew 18: 21-35 and Ephesians 4:26) and what it means to be forgiven by God.

TOOLS FOR PRAYING FOR OTHERS:

Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal anyone who you need to forgive and then obey!