

Pastor's Message

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FREEDOM

Interior freedom is always the deeper freedom. It is this that Christianity promises. Unless our heart is free, we are always in bondage. The breaking of our chains does not truly liberate us until we are set free in the depths of our being. The kingdom of God, the reign of Christ, is a land of the free.

Gandi in prison was free; his tormentors were not. Nelson Mandala was confined for 27 years; he was free of the resentments and biases, the hatred and violence which imprisoned his captors. The Dalai Lama, in exile and vilified, is at home in the peace of his own heart.

It is the truth that makes us free. It is the act of compassion which emerges from this which unlocks the doors and unbars the windows of our cells.

External freedom is also a value of the highest order. Political freedom and human rights, justice and respect for the integrity of other lives, these flow from the dreams and visions of liberated humanity. External freedom is the sign and symbol of a social justice which is engendered in the spirits of unfettered personalities.

July 4 is the day we Americans celebrate the vibrant freedoms of our country. These freedoms are exponentially multiplied when they are lived out in the Reign of God, in a holy spirit of love.

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