

# **OBTAINING AND MAINTAINING FREEDOM – 2**

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**JOHN 8:36**

### **FOUR TYPES OF FREEDOM**

1. National – Freedom from foreign rule.
2. Political – Freedom to be actively involved in government.
3. Individual – Freedoms guaranteed by law or constitution.
4. Spiritual – Freedom of belief or religion.

### **THE DESIRE FOR FREEDOM IS STRONG**

1. The slaves in Egypt. God uses Moses.
2. The slaves in Babylon. God used Cyrus, King of Persia.
3. The Pilgrims. Chose to leave their homeland and friends.
4. Black slaves in America. God used John Quincy Adams, Abraham Lincoln.
5. Martin Luther King Jr, Gandhi, Mandela, everyone here today.

### **OBTAINING FREEDOM**

1. National Freedom.
  - A. According to the department of Veterans Affairs, 4,435 service members gave their lives to obtain national freedom.
2. Spiritual freedom.
  - A. Freedom from sin is the ultimate freedom. **JOHN 8:31-36**
  - B. Is impossible to be obtained by man. **MATTHEW 19:23-26**
  - C. Freedom from sin is obtained by Jesus. **HEBREWS 9:12, 1:3, ROMANS 5:19, REVELATION 1:5, 5:1-9 (NLT)**

### **MAINTAINING FREEDOM**

1. National Freedom.
  - A. A strong leadership, a strong defense system, united people and continued sacrifice.
  - B. Since the Revolutionary War, over 1 million gave their lives to maintain freedom.
2. Spiritual freedom. **GALATIANS 5:1 (NIV)**
  - A. Principle of knowledge. **HOSEA 4:6, COLOSSIANS 1:13** We must know we've been set free from the rule of the kingdom of darkness and we have power over Satan. **LUKE 10:19, MATTHEW 16:19**
  - B. Principle of pursuing. **HEBREWS 11:6** A rolling stone gathers no moss. **HEBREWS 10:35-39**
  - C. Principle of serving. **EXODUS 8:1, 9:1, 23:23-25** Everyone is called to serve. **ROMANS 6:18-23**
  - D. Principle of resisting. **1 PETER 5:8-9** If we're pursuing and serving God, the Chaldeans (as demons, robbers) are pursuing us. **ROMANS 6:11-14, EPHESIANS 6:10-11**

### **CONCLUSION:**

As long as we are on this side of Heaven, it's up to us to maintain the freedoms Jesus obtained for us by using our faith.