

Freedom's Worth Dying For

"[July 4th] ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty."

—John Adams

"Freedom is never voluntarily given by the oppressor; it must be demanded by the oppressed." — Martin Luther King, Jr.

"Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction...We are never defeated unless we give up on God." — Ronald Reagan

"Freedom itself was attacked this morning by a faceless coward, and freedom will be defended." — George W. Bush

2 Cor 3:17 - *Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.* NIV

Gal 5:1 - *It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.* NIV

Eph 3:12 - *In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence.* NIV

FREEDOMS WORTH DYING FOR

- **Freedom To Know God**

1 Peter 3:18 - For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit, NIV

Rom 5:6,8 - *You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly... 8 But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.* NIV

- **Freedom To Start Over**

John 8:10-11 - *Jesus straightened up and asked her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" 11 "No one, sir," she said. "Then neither do I condemn you," Jesus declared. "Go now and leave your life of sin."* NIV

- **Freedom To Forgive**

Luke 23:34 - *Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.* NIV

Luke 17:3-5 - So watch yourselves. "If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him. 4 If he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times comes back to you and says, 'I repent,' forgive him."
5 The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" NIV

- **Freedom To Love**

Luke 7:44-47 - Then he turned toward the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I came into your house. You did not give me any water for my feet, but she wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. 45 You did not give me a kiss, but this woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet. 46 You did not put oil on my head, but she has poured perfume on my feet. 47 Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven—for she loved much. But he who has been forgiven little loves little." NIV

1 Cor 13:1-3 - If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. 2 If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. 3 If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing. NIV

- **Freedom To Serve**

Eph 3:7 - I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God's grace given me through the working of his power. NIV

1 Peter 4:10 - Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. NIV

John 8:36 - So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. NIV