

The Purple Corner

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The Cry to be FREE!

July 4 is a day that we celebrate the freedom we have in this country and The Declaration of Independence defines freedom as a gift from God. Why then are so many of us not walking in that freedom? What does this mean to the millions of women, men and children who are being oppressed in this country?

Did someone forget to tell them that we are FREE or has some modern day slave master decided to ignore this important fact?

If we closely examine the abusive relationships of today and look into the hearts, minds and souls of the abused we will hear the cry to be free. We will hear them asking, why have I been made a slave in my own home? Why is my life not valued and being sold like a piece of property on the slave block? Why is the person who promised to love, honor and cherish me, treating me with such contempt? The answer lies in the fact that someone has taken it upon themselves to reinstitute oppression, bring back the days of slaves and slave masters and to bind up God's precious people in a system from which he so long ago set us free.

The cry to be free can be heard from the millions of children who suffer at the hands of perpetrators who groom them and then violate them in ways that take more than soap and water to remove. Can you not hear them crying out to family, community, church, simply asking to be free? They deserve to live in an environment of peace, love, joy and safety. They deserve to be treated with respect and as precious treasures of the King.

God created us to be free but sin has brought us into bondage. The sin of abuse has put us in shackles and has hindered us from living the abundant life promised us in John 10:10, a life of choice, free will and freedom in Christ. By what authority does the perpetrator have to make us captive in a place where God has declared us FREE? It can only be by the authority of the evil one who comes to steal, kill and destroy.

There is a cry to be FREE and now is the time for us as Christians to not only hear it but to be moved with compassion and do something about it. Are you willing? Are you ready? Are you able? If yes then join us in the fight to end violence and if not, how may we, as a ministry help you?

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