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Scott's Thoughts



“Yet because of false brothers secretly brought in—who slipped in to spy out our freedom that we have in Christ Jesus, so that they might bring us into slavery—” (Galatians 2:4, ESV)

In this country we are obsessed with freedom, the Constitution guarantees it. “We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.” There it is right in the preamble, one sentence stating the very purpose of our forming this country. The word “Liberty” kind of stands out doesn’t.

It is an impressive word meaning freedom. “1. freedom from arbitrary or despotic government or control. 2. freedom from external or foreign rule; independence. 3. freedom from control, interference, obligation, restriction, hampering conditions, etc.; power or right of doing, thinking, speaking, etc., according to choice. 4. freedom from captivity, confinement, or physical restraint.” This is the definition according to Dictionary.com.

Take a moment and read over those definitions and think about just how dynamic that word is and then think about how we, over time, have let so much of that freedom slip through our fingers. We as citizens of the United States, in today’s world, sometimes wonder where our freedom has gone. It seems like government control presses in

on every side. Laws are enacted then changed a little here and a little there and we just haven’t noticed what has been happening.

I am not a revolutionary in the sense that I would try to change our country by force. But I would like to see our country change and regain some of our freedoms. I would like the Freedom to leave my house unlocked and not even think about a thief entering it and taking advantage of the situation. I can remember as a child the house was never locked. I also remember coming home on leave while in the Navy and not being able to get into the house because it was locked. I would like the Freedom to allow my grandchildren to go to one of our city parks and make use of their play equipment without the fear of perverts who would harm a child in any way. There are many other things I would like to have freedom from or to do.

If you have read this far, you may be thinking, “Scott you are dreaming,” I know that. I don’t think this old world will get a lot better any time soon. I am not going to let that stop me from trying to change things. In reality, the only one I can change is me. However, because of Jesus I can help others find the way to freedom. Jesus came so that we can have ultimate freedom - eternal Freedom.

“For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.” (Galatians 5:1, ESV)

“For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.” (Galatians 5:13, ESV)

Thanks for listening and keep on shining.

—Scott