



# FREEDOM MINISTRIES

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Recently, Jeanine and I were having our devotional study of the Gospel of John. Chapter 12 tells of Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem. This is the beginning of Holy week which culminates in the Passion and Easter, the death and resurrection of Jesus. How appropriate that our study's timing, not coincidentally, but most sovereignly, is in sync with the approaching Easter celebration.

After the study, we found a worship video on the iPad with the names of Jesus. With music in the background, a different voice proclaimed each name as it blazed across the screen. Here are just a few: **Jesus Christ is the...Author and Perfecter of our Faith (Heb. 12:2); Atoning Sacrifice for our Sins (1 John 2:2); Beginning and End (Rev. 22:13); Chief Cornerstone (Eph. 2:20); Deliverer (Rom. 11:26); Eternal Life (1 John 1:2; 5:20); Faithful and True (Rev. 19:11); Great High Priest (Heb. 4:14); Firstborn over all creation (Col. 1:15); Hope of Glory (Col. 1:27); I Am (John 8:58); King Eternal (1 Tim. 1:17); Lamb Without Blemish (1 Pet. 1:19); Mighty God (Isa. 9:6); Our Righteousness (1 Cor. 1:30); The Way, the Truth and the Life (John 14:6)**



With each name, the music resounded and grew in intensity. With each name, more voices were heard to join in praise and adoration until we were both overwhelmed with awe that led to tears of joy. It was this Jesus, whose name is above all names, at which every knee will bow and every tongue confess, it was this Jesus who lived, died and rose again for you and me! The only appropriate response to the Easter miracle is worship: the humble bowing of our

hearts to Him in adoration, acknowledging as Isaiah did that, *"My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts, says the LORD. And My ways are far beyond anything you could imagine."* (Isaiah 55:8, NLT).

Like Mary Magdalene, the first person to encounter Jesus after his resurrection, our worship needs to be filled with awe and humility, and with a new desire to recognize God's greatness and glory. This is actually true of every Sunday, but because of the resurrection, we have a special opportunity to embrace this humbling journey of worship. As we approach the Easter season, I pray that each of us would encounter anew the risen Lord Jesus. The resurrection calls us to a new commitment to living by faith, recognizing



### Mission

Freedom Ministries of the Quad Cities exists to help couples and individuals experience freedom in Christ through identifying and resolving spiritual and emotional conflicts thus strengthening, empowering and helping fulfill their relationship with Jesus Christ and others.

## Thank You

Our hearts are so grateful to all of you for your involvement in this ministry. Your prayers and gifts are much appreciated.

Let us know how we can pray for you!

that our lives are not in our own hands, but in the nail-pierced hands of the risen Christ.

As we worship, we are called to embody the resurrection life. We are called to seek ways to bring that life to those who most need it – people just like we were before we met the risen Christ: the poor, the excluded, the wounded and the grieving. Resurrection is about the offer of new life. May our worship, which flows from the resurrection of our Lord Jesus, offer new life to those around us.

## *Testimony*

*Thanks so much for letting the Lord use you to minister to people like me. It's such a blessing! You have helped me a lot, but also given me tools and encouragement to continue on even when this time together is over. I plan to continue to seek and accept His healing and come to Him more like His child and less like His employee. I think that was what He wanted all along! I am so thankful I had the chance to meet with you guys. God's timing is perfect! God bless you !*

*Love in Christ,*

(a young lady we recently met with)

## *Praise and Prayer*

### **Praise**

- ◆ For God's strength to help those struggling with relationship problems.
- ◆ For God's healing and tenderizing hearts so they can give and receive love.
- ◆ For spring weather, flowers and new life.

### **Prayer**

- ◆ For spiritual protection from enemy attacks for our clients and for us.
- ◆ An additional Board member in 2017
- ◆ For hurting family relationships.

## *Birdies for Charity*

If you have a desire to help individuals and couples find freedom in Christ, please prayerfully consider using the enclosed form to donate to Freedom Ministries of the Quad Cities. The John Deere Classic Charitable Corporation sponsors Birdies For Charity in association with the John Deere classic golf tournament, July 10—16, 2017. The goal of the program is to obtain pledges (donations) of 1 cent or more for every birdie made during the tournament by the Tour Pros.

A birdie is a score of one stroke better than par for any golf hole. Par is the normal or expected score of a golf professional on any hole. If approximately 2,000 birdies are made, the total pledge would be 1 cent = \$20, 2 cents = \$40, 3 cents = \$60. Each person who makes a pledge will have the opportunity to win some great prizes. Last year birdies totaled 1,982.

Donating through the "Birdies For Charity" event is easy and 100% of your donation, plus additional BONUS BUCKS, go directly to us. Simply fill out the enclosed pledge form, noting the number of cents for every

Birdie made, your name and address and mail the left half of the form to Freedom Ministries in the enclosed envelope.

**Thank you!**



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