



# FREEDOM MINISTRIES

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Jeanine and I are reading through the Bible in a year and have been in Psalms 96 and 2 Chronicles recently. These scriptures are so relevant to today! We are all aware of the way our world is going. As we think about the current leadership in our country and in many countries around the world, we recognize the not-so-subtle direction towards Socialism. Social issues such as Abortion, Trans-gender in sports and our public schools, Gay rights, Critical Race Theory being taught to our children, and the list goes on, invading every area of our lives. It's so easy to focus on what's wrong with our world and get our eyes off the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth!

We are not the first to experience this downward trend. So did Judah in the Old Testament. Did you know that out of 21 rulers of Judah in 2 Chronicles, only 5 of them were righteous? Eventually that nation went into captivity for 70 years in Babylon because of its idolatry. Pretty hopeless scenario! But God is still on the throne!



Our natural response to current events is anger. But James 1:20 says, *"the anger of man does not bring about the righteousness of God."* What if we decided to focus on the Lord during these difficult days? James 1:1-5 says *"Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything."*

I just love **Psalm 96:11-13**

*Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad;*

*let the sea resound, and all that is in it.  
Let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them;  
Let all the trees of the forest sing for joy.  
Let all creation rejoice before the LORD, for he comes, he comes to judge the earth.  
He will judge the world in righteousness  
and the peoples in his faithfulness.*

What a beautiful picture of the whole earth, creation included, worshipping our God of splendor and holiness! The psalmist cries out to the heavens, the earth, the sea, to the fields, and even to the trees! God not only restores individuals, but He will one day restore all things, the earth included (Revelation 21-22). Christ will return to judge sin, its consequences and establish His kingdom. He will establish new heavens and a new earth and the restoration of all things.

The Gospel Coalition writes: "We believe in the personal, glorious, and bodily return of our Lord Jesus Christ with his holy angels, when he will exercise his role as final Judge, and his kingdom will be consummated. We believe in the bodily resurrection of both the just and the unjust—the unjust to judgment and eternal conscious punishment in hell, as our Lord himself taught, and the just to eternal blessedness in the presence of him who sits on the throne and of the Lamb, in the new heaven and the new earth, the home of righteousness. On that day the church will be presented faultless before God by the obedience, suffering and triumph of Christ, all sin purged and its wretched effects forever banished. God will be all

### 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.



# Enjoy Your Fall

in all and his people will be enthralled by the immediacy of his ineffable holiness, and everything will be to the praise of his glorious grace.”

Jesus is coming again! Let's look beyond current events that the enemy uses to distract us, causing anger, anxiety, and fear. Rather, let us look up! Let us rejoice! Our faithful and righteous Savior and Lord is coming soon! It may be today!

### *Birdies for Charity*

Thanks to all who sent in pledges for the Birdies campaign. We are grateful to you for your gifts. \$4,084 were donated to Freedom Ministries this year!

**Thank you!**



### *United Way*

Did you know you can support Freedom Ministries through your company at work? If you'd like your charitable donations to go toward Freedom Ministries, just write Freedom Ministries on the line to show where you wish your donations to go. Our United Way

number is  
#663708.

We thank you.



### *Thank You*

Thank you so much for our time with you . It was life changing! It was a turning point in our marriage. We have spoken to our friends to come and see you. What a blessing you are!  
Keep on keeping on! - a grateful couple

### *CFTH Zoom Conference*

#### **CARING FOR THE HEART CONFERENCE ON ZOOM**

**WEBINAR—FREE**

**October 18-19, 2021**

7:00—9:00 pm Mountain Time

**REGISTRATION FOR ZOOM WEBINAR**

will begin October 1 at:

[www.caringfortheheart.com](http://www.caringfortheheart.com)

#### **CFTH CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS ON ZOOM MEETING**

**October 23, 2021**

Workshop cost \$15 each

8:00-9:00 am Marital Spin Cycle

9:15—10:15 am Enjoying Heart Focused Communication in Marriage

10:30—11:30 am Caring for the Heart of a Wounded Church

Go to [www.caringfortheheart.com](http://www.caringfortheheart.com) to register

### *Praise and Prayer*

#### **Praise**

- ◆ For physical health after healing from Covid without needing to go to the hospital.
- ◆ For Caring for the Heart Ministries who are making these principles available on Zoom.

#### **Prayer**

- ◆ For families struggling with raising children in this dark world.
- ◆ For those who are filling out intake forms as they prepare for their session with us.

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