



**Forget Me Not: In the Face of Abundance**

***May the Lord our God be with us, as He was with our fathers. May He not leave us nor forsake us. 1 Kings 8:57***

When Solomon finished building the first temple for the Lord in Jerusalem, he prayed a beautiful prayer of dedication. He then turned to the people of Israel who were gathered for the dedication and reminded them that God had given the nation rest and that He had not failed to keep a single promise He had made through Moses. Solomon then expressed a hope: “May He not leave us nor forsake us.”

Why would God, who had blessed the people so abundantly, ever leave them? Maybe Solomon was expressing the fear felt by a sage of the times named Agur. This wise man worried about ever having such abundance that he would forget the One who provided it and dishonor His name. Maybe Solomon was saying, “May we never forget the One who has blessed us so abundantly.”

David reminded the people that all we have comes from God. May we never forget the source of our abundance. May we not be tempted to leave the One who promises never to leave us.



We have made July 4<sup>th</sup>, Independence Day a celebration of excess with lavish displays in the sky, cookouts and parties. We have been blessed with such abundance in our country it is so easy to forget the price paid when a party or celebration is on our minds.

But what about our soul’s freedom? The freedom Jesus came to give us.

2 Corinthians 3:17 tells us, “the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.”

Christ came to set us free. Not free as a nation, but free from our burdens, free from the enslavement of sin in our lives and free from the depths of Hell. It’s a freedom we can celebrate no matter where we live. A freedom that can’t be taken away.

So this Independence Day, while we celebrate our country 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Freedom as a nation, remember to thank the one who paid the ultimate price for our true freedom, Jesus.



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| <i>Let us be Faithful Stewards.<br/>         Financial Report thru June 21, 2026</i> |                         | <i>Remember the Prayer Box!!!<br/>         You never know when you will be in<br/>         the need of prayers!</i> |
| <b><u>Required</u></b>   | <b><u>Received</u></b>  |   |
| Yearly \$215,161.75  | \$ 107,852.36           |   |
| Weekly \$ 4,137.73   | \$ 4,314.09 (Wkly Avg.) |   |
| <i>A Giving Church is a Living Church!</i>   |                         |   |



***JULY BIRTHDAYS***

Aaron Eason 7/3, Josiah Fields 7/5, Martha Fulton 7/11,  
Leah Wilson 7/15, J.B. Riffle 7/26, Chad Eason 7/30

