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My Beloved In Christ Jesus,



Again, I find myself writing of my brothers and sisters that come to me for help – seeking to find freedom in Christ Jesus.

What are your first thoughts and feelings when you hear the word “**freedom**”? **Maybe you associate it** with national liberty and the guarantee of individual rights. Perhaps it gives rise to a longing to be free from some situation or stress in your life that is

demanding, unrelenting, and draining. Or it could be a job, a difficult relationship, financial struggles, health issues, or any number of restraints that keep you from enjoying life and pursuing your dreams.

However, Jesus spoke about a deeper aspect of freedom that pertains to the state of our souls and has nothing to do with the externals of life. He wants to free us from every internal form of bondage that prevents us from becoming the persons He created us to be. This kind of freedom is not achieved by war or revolution, but by **knowledge of the truth**. **Jesus said, “If you continue in my word, then you are truly disciples of mine; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free”.** (John 8:31-32)

To continue in God’s Word means that we abide in it. It fills our minds, sharpens our attitudes and emotions, and directs our behavior, and the result will be freedom from sin and the deceptions that could captivate us. We live in a culture that continually feeds us lies about both God and ourselves. And satan is the master of deceit – his goal is to ensnare us in sin so we will be **rendered ineffective and useless for God’s purposes. By knowing and obeying Scripture we will discover the truth that sets us free.**

As we examine our lives, the first step on the path to freedom is discovering what holds us captive. Sometimes we are in bondage to false beliefs that **cause us to doubt our salvation or think that God’s acceptance** is based on our good deeds. These deceptions leave us uncertain of our standing with the **Lord, always questioning if we’ve done enough. The key that unlocks this** spiritual jail is truth. Our salvation is not kept by our own ability, and we are not saved by works. God caused us to be born again, according to His mercy. His power protects us through faith, and guarantees that our inheritance in heaven is secure. (1 Peter 1:3-5)



**CWIA
Prayer Breakfast Meeting**

Saturday, May 27, 2017

10:00 am – Noon

Holiday Inn – Carlyle

2460 Eisenhower Avenue
Alexandria, Virginia 22314
Phone: 703.960.2000
2 minute walk from Eisenhower Ave Metro

For info/tickets, call Patti: 703.971.3633

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Cost: \$15 - Buffet Breakfast

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Another form of captivity is sinful habits. A common attitude to today says **essentially, "This is my life. I can do whatever I want!"** However, toleration of sinful practices results in enslavement to them. Ephesians 4:22-24 tells us to **"lay aside the old self" and its sinful habits and "put on the new self, which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth."**

The most difficult areas of captivity to recognize is emotional bondage, because these feelings are often hidden deep within us. They may have been with us so **long that we're comfortable** with them and consider them a part of who we are. However, these emotions can hinder our relationship with God, and with other people. Instead of having the peace of Christ resting in our hearts (Col. 3:15), we are controlled by underlying, damaging emotions such as fear, anxiety, insecurity, false guilt, jealousy, anger, bitterness, or unforgiveness. Once we recognize these attitudes and feelings, we can counteract them with Scriptural truth. This is why it is so important to read and know Scripture, and why I give you in each newsletter readings that can help us understand the freedom God wants us to have in Him, as His children. Let God fill our minds with His Word. Let us rely on **the Spirit's power. We will know the truth, and the truth will set us FREE!!**

May God's blessings be with each and every one who reads and takes in their hearts my teachings for spritual growth. BE SET FREE!

In Christ's love,

Your Servant,

Stella Davis



The CWIA Annual Catholic Charismatic Conference will be held on October 6-8, 2017. **This year's conference topic will be "I Am The Light of the World, Says The Lord." (John 9:5)** Great speakers are lined up! Come, expecting a great time of fellowship and spiritual growth.

You are invited to our prayer breakfast meeting on Saturday, May 27, 2017 at [10:00am](#) at the HOLIDAY INN - CARLYLE at 2460 EISENHOWER AVENUE, ALEXANDRIA, VA 22314. Off Interstate 495, a 2-minute walk from Eisenhower Avenue Metro station. **Remember to call in your reservations early** to Patti at 703.971.3633. Price is \$15 and includes a Buffet Breakfast. If staying, ask hotel for CWIA discounted rate. Great praise & worship music. Men and women are invited. A healing service follows. **[Bring a rose for Mary's Coronation.](#)**



May 27th Guest Speaker: **"SUE LEO"** Sue, a Catholic convert and creative problem solver is a girl with a sword. Her Presbyterian upbringing never prepared her for what God would unveil through the power of the Holy Spirit decades later. A heart-breaking end to her 30-year marriage propelled her into a dangerous journey into a dark night of the soul — a journey where she was awakened to the existence and reality of spiritual warfare. In her brokenness and confusion, she desperately searched for answers from God, who led her directly to a monk, a mystic, and ten charismatic nuns - changing her life forever. Sue is honored and excited to share the good news about her journey of deliverance and surrender to the heart of Jesus Christ. She teaches graphic design at a Christian college in New York. Sue sings and plays keyboards in a Filipino charismatic praise and worship team and is a member of the Burning Bush House of Prayer which supports the Exorcist in the Buffalo Diocese. She is a daily Mass-goer, and you can find her in the Adoration Chapel nearly every Friday afternoon. She spends her free-time immersed in the study of Church History and Traditions. She has also discovered the Latin Mass which has inspired her to learn the Rosary in Latin! Sue has a 24-year-old son who is a game developer. Bring a friend and hear her story!

Our next prayer breakfast will be Saturday, July 29, 2017 at [9:00am](#).

Discover our Catholic roots on June 3-4, 2017. Many Catholics are unaware of the rich Catholic heritage in Southern MD. The Ark and the Dove landed on St. **Clement's Island** in 1634. It is here that Father Andrew White, SJ, celebrated the first recorded Catholic Mass in the English-speaking colonies of America. For more info go to breadoflifecenterforpeace.org, or contact Pat at 301-475-9704 or pilgrimages@breadoflifecenterforpeace.org

Join us on our great Pilgrimage to Medjugorje/Dubrovnik. **Don't miss this great trip! A time to see – hear – and do, and grow in the love of Jesus and Mary.** Only 20 spaces, so hurry and jump aboard! For details, go to <http://www.pilgrimages.com/stelladavis/> or contact 206Tours: 800-206-TOUR (8687) EMail: sales@206tours.com

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Prayer Chain: For prayer, e-mail our Prayer Chain at fraven1@verizon.net.