

Title: True Freedom in Christ

Scripture:

"So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed." — John 8:36
(NIV)

Sermon:

Today, as we celebrate Independence Day, we remember the sacrifices made by many so we can live in freedom as a nation. We raise flags, watch fireworks, and thank God for our liberty. But while we rejoice in our nation's freedom, we must also remember the greatest freedom ever offered to mankind — the freedom we have in Jesus Christ.

Worldly freedom can give us rights and privileges, but only Jesus can set us free from sin, guilt, and fear. John 8:36 says, *"If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."* This freedom means that no matter what chains try to hold us down — whether it's shame, addiction, or regret — Jesus breaks every chain.

Story:

A pastor once told the story of a young man who had served in the military overseas. When he returned home, he struggled with things he had seen and done. He felt trapped in his mind, even though he was back in a free country. One Sunday, he walked into a church and heard about the freedom Jesus gives. He realized that while he had fought for freedom abroad, Christ had already fought for his freedom on the cross. That day, he gave his life to Jesus and found a freedom deeper than any battlefield could ever win.

Closing Thought:

This Independence Day, let's thank God for the men and women who have given so much for our country's freedom. But even more, let's remember the One who gave His life for our eternal freedom. May we live as people who are truly free — loving, forgiving, and

