

The Power of Freedom

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The 4th of July is a day when we think about the power of freedom. As Americans we experience every day the benefits of freedom, but the 4th gives us opportunity to pause and reflect upon the freedoms we enjoy.

The 4th of July and other holidays give us the chance for much needed rest, recreation, and time with our families. We cook out, shoot fireworks, and play in the pool on a day when we usually would be working. I have often wondered, though, what would be the best way to thank and be thankful for those who serve to make this freedom possible?

Recently I asked some of my church members who serve in the military what they would desire for us to do on these set aside days of patriotism. On a day when we say we want to acknowledge and thank those in the military, what would they want us to do? One former Marine said, "take time to thank someone who is serving or has served." Another active Army officer said that we "should take time to thank God." Another I asked was the father of a soldier who died in combat. He said, "remember that each man and woman who serves is someone's son or daughter."

I am thankful for my opportunity to write regularly in this section of the Chronicle. This week I would like to take this advice that I received from my friends and say thank you. Thank you to the men and women who are away from their families this 4th of July so that I can enjoy the freedom of being with my family. Thank you to the dads and moms who miss their sons and daughters while I get the opportunity to be with mine. Thank you for the sacrifices you have made and are making so life can be better for many. I thank God for you and your courageous decision to serve your country in an honorable way.

We thank God for you and pray for you today.

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