

Second Baptist Church of Doylestown
40 DAYS OF PRAYER & FASTING
DAY 38 – June 13, 2017

Truth and Freedom

“Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” John 8:32

In a day before politicians decided truth according to polls and partisanship, Abraham Lincoln made decisions based on principle. His most notable act was the Emancipation Proclamation. It was New Year's Day, 1863, when this decree was first publicly stated. It would be almost two years later, after his death, that his convictions were made official on the Constitution. Lincoln took a stand without compromise that would nearly rip our nation apart and cause much bloodshed. He knew there were some things that were worth standing for, even if it meant a fight.

An unusual thing happened after the war. Even after an amendment to the Constitution, some slaves continued to live as slaves. How tragic. Strange as it may seem, man preferred the security of slavery to the uncertainty of freedom.

It is tragic when someone does not exercise his personal freedom. Even more so are God's people who have been set free spiritually but who are content to remain in their slavery. Jesus Christ is the Great emancipator who has paid the ultimate price for His people to be free from the bondage of sin.

Consider these verses:

“It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let ourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.” Galatians 5:1

“For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin – because anyone who has died has been freed from sin.” Romans 6:6-7

“Because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death.” Romans 8:2

Prayer Focus: Pray that our believers are a discerning people who will claim our Christ-earned freedom.