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CELEBRATING AN IDENTITY

“Race rioting rocks N.Y., L.A. and Detroit.” New York City August 2, 1945 “As America fights a racist Hitler in Europe, racial hatred has set off riots at home. Today a rumor of murder in Harlem, then an argument between a Negro woman and a white policeman triggered widespread street violence... In June, white servicemen in Los Angeles attacked blacks and Hispanics wearing “zoot” suits, the gaudy garb with long jackets and pegged pants. The assault fueled racial tension and rioting erupted... The worst violence erupted June 20 in Detroit, where 300,000 Southern whites and blacks have migrated to work in the war plants. In two days 35 were killed, 600 wounded and thousands held.”

“Japanese-American troops most honored” Washington, D.C. 1945 “Now that the war is over, combat statistics make the internment of Japanese-Americans seem doubly shameful. Nisei soldiers

not only fought with great distinction, but the 33,000 men of the Nisei 442nd Regiment and the 100th Battalion also emerged as the most decorated men in American military history.”

Above are actual headlines from America’s past. We have always been a country that struggled with the age old battle of right and wrong, and good and evil. Throughout our history men and women have made choices and acted in ways that encouraged separatism and promoted hatred. However, our country will always have extraordinary individuals willing to speak up for the rights of displaced ethnic groups, and against the voices of hatred.

This is a time to celebrate the sacrifices of common men and women that refuse to live in fear, a people that will stand up against injustices, hatred, and evil with their lives. A nation of individuals that continue to give to the less fortunate, and that cares about the



plight of other nations. It is a time to celebrate a military force, made up of men and women, that continues to be willing to give their lives for the cause of freedom not just for our nation, but for others throughout the world. If you doubt the value of this, read about the experiences of the survivors of Hitler’s camps, the killing fields of Cambodia, Rwandan genocide, and the ongoing tragedy of Darfur. Our rich identity continues to be in the land of the free - the **home of the brave, YOU.**

MY COUNTRY

Even though **I see** disparities in the entertainment industry, our judicial system, school systems, housing, and employment, this is my country.

I live free to choose how to dress and what to think. I have no fear of loosing my life because of my religious beliefs.

I know no other country I’d rather be a citizen of. This is my country!

I must represent the best of who we are. Gangs proudly represent their membership as they destroy lives through lawlessness. Surely, I can proudly represent our country as an active citizen making a positive difference in the lives of others. This is my country,

this is our country.

As we continue to celebrate the founding of the United States of America, let each of us act responsibly to inspire our fellow countrymen to keep our country one nation, under God, and indivisible. This is our country!

Disparity - inequality, gap, inconsistency, disproportion, discrepancy.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

A fundraiser to help over 100 disadvantaged children start the school year with new school clothes and shoes. You can help too!

Come shop for that special Christmas gift. Many items made by children, teens, and by formerly incarcerated men and women.

Please come, shop, and support a worthy cause, the Back To School Outreach. All proceeds go to the children.

*St George’s Episcopal
4301 N IH 35
Austin, TX*

*July 19th, 9AM - 3PM
(East side of highway & one block before Airport Blvd)*



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The future leaders of America, our youth

We are totally, completely, and wholly committed to a Christ centered life. We are wholly committed to submitting to the will of God, to serving and leading others to Jesus and to working with other believers to reach out to the hurting and the lost.

CRY FOR THE CHILDREN

In our country there are children that “have”, and children that “have not”. Today the term “have not” does not merely refer to lack of money. Many of the children live with a single mother or an elderly relative. Others have no stable place to live and often live with multiple families. Some have experienced homelessness. These children are often victimized. They are overwhelmed with the madness around them. School means little to many of these children, because they have no hope for their future. They disconnect from everything that could help them succeed.

In our country we have a growing number of children that have chosen to live outside of society’s rules and order. They cause much grief as they refuse to submit to authority. Rebellion takes root and that rebellion leads them down the path of destruction.

In our country little children are trained to be consumers while watching Saturday morning cartoons. Through commercials and bill boards they learn the false assumption that self worth comes from possessions. In order to be someone special you must be a pro-athletic or rock

star. Children dream of being a basketball player without the discipline of being a good student, and not realizing that intelligence is a necessary step to their desired goal.

We are loosing our children at an alarming rate. You can’t see the large stomachs, or bony arms of starvation that you see in third world children, but American’s children are suffering from a starvation that will weaken the future of our country if we do not begin to work together to reach our children. Look beyond your house to the neighborhoods of America. What do you see?

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance has been modified four times. Starting with the original work in October 1892, and ending with the last revision by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in June of 1954.

“President Dwight D. Eisenhower approved adding the words ‘under God’. As he authorized this change he said: *‘In this way we are reaffirming the transcendence of religious faith in America’s heritage and future; in this way*

we shall constantly strengthen those spiritual weapons which forever will be our country’s most powerful resource in peace and war.’

...The 23 words that had been initially penned for a Columbus Day celebration now comprised a thirty-one profession of loyalty and devotion to not only a flag, but to a way of life...the American ideal.”

Info from www.homeofheroes.com

I Pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation **under God**, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Five Star General Eisenhower as the Supreme Commander of the Allied Forces in Europe during the second world war, and a witness to the evil of Hitler’s reign came to realize that it is God that must lead our nation.

“A NATION WAS CREATED, NOT OUT OF ONE PEOPLE. IT WAS A NATION COMPOUNDED OF MANY PEOPLES. OUT OF THE MIXTURE WE MADE A BREED CALLED AMERICAN.”

CLIFTON DANIEL
EDITORIAL DIRECTOR
CHRONICLE OF
AMERICA

PRIORITIES OF A NATION

The United States is the richest country in the world, it is unthinkable that hard work or the sacrifices of years of schooling would not result in high dollar rewards.

In order to enjoy the finer things of life our country has become addicted to plastic money, and the mentality of “By any means necessary” to attain power, and status. Until recently it was hard to imagine not having cabinets full of food, and a SUV full of

gas. Today, however, we see the buying power of our American dollar shrinking. Increases in gas prices has meant a domino effect of higher prices for commodities, layoffs, and foreclosures. Hope for the future is being replaced by fear. History has taught us that when a people become overwhelmed with fear, horrible behavior results. Polarization increases with hideous consequences when people feel threatened, and when a society becomes pre-occupied with self-

preservation.

Let us work to make this the first time in American history that the racial groups of our country unite, one nation under God, to truly make this country great. The next time you look in the mirror say the words, “If it is to be it will start with me.” And then begin the work to keep history from repeating itself.

Polarization - Break up into opposing groups.



How much longer can our nation survive on plastic money?

VOICES FROM PRISON

Dear God, Please help me to work on my character defects and my negative attitude. Just fill my heart with love and let me be a blessing to others. Help me to put my life together Lord. I really need you...Give me peace Lord. Help me, I need to learn some self-control and not to take everything so personal. I guess I needed this alone time. Thank you Father...Where is all this anger coming from? Father I don't like it and I want it to stop. Please forgive me for each and

every one of my sins. Catina

It Took Prison to Find Freedom
For the first six weeks I slept as much as I could, and ate as much as I could. Basically just tried to de-tox and recover physically as much as I could. I had a little voice telling me that's all I was ready for...After six weeks a friend came to visit me. He said, "Hey you look a lot younger." I kind of blew it off, and said thanks... I was transferred to another facility and during this transfer I saw my "sheet" with

the mug shot from the night I was arrested. To put it mildly I looked like hell. Now I was able to see the difference my friend had seen. I still wasn't ready for my Bible yet, but I was making progress. David

The above entries Dear God, and It Took Prison To Find Freedom are excerpts from letters we will share with you for the next few months. We continue to seek pen pals for incarcerated individuals.



"...Bring me out of prison so I can thank you. The godly will crowd around me for you treat me kindly." Psalm 142:7 NLT

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THE DANGERS AHEAD

"You should also know this, Timothy, that in the last days there will be very difficult times. For people will love only themselves and their money. They will be boastful and proud, scoffing at God, disobedient to their parents, and ungrateful. They will consider nothing sacred. They will be unloving and unforgiving; they will slander others and have no self-control; they will be cruel and have no interest in what is good. They will betray their friends, be reckless, be puffed up with pride, and love pleasure rather than God... But you must remain faithful to the things you have been taught. You know they are true, for you know you can trust those who taught you..."

All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It straightens us out and teaches us to do what is right. It is God's way of preparing us in every way, fully equipped for every good thing God wants us to do."

2 Timothy 3: 1-4, 14, 16, 17 NLT

How many of the descriptions listed above can you recognize as current events in our country today? Everywhere you go people are talking about the strange weather, the economy, the blatant disregard for authority, law and order. If you listen carefully you can hear the growing thun-

der of fear.

How are Christians to display their confidence in the God of the universe with so much going on around us? Do we really believe what the Bible says, that there will be such a time as the last days? Could we be living in that time? It is not only time for us to determine how we are to live, in this time of increasing uncertainty, we must also make up our minds to live as sons and daughters of the Most High. What does that look like to you?



Into your hand I commit my spirit. You have redeemed me, O Lord God of truth. Psalm 31:5 NKJV

UNCOMMON LOVE

The 58th Chapter of Isaiah gives instructions for a very interesting fast. (A Biblical fast is a cleansing of one's spirit, a time to recommit to living a godly life, and is often done in conjunction with prayer request.) The introduction of this fast was during a time when God's people, Israel, went to the temple (the church) daily. They seemed devoted to their faith, however, they were not sincere. The people were self

centered and full of pride. God gave instructions through the Prophet Isaiah for a new fast.

"...the kind of fasting I want calls you to free those who are wrongly imprisoned and to stop oppressing those who work for you. Treat them fairly and give them what they earn. I want you to share your food with the hungry and to welcome poor wanderers into your homes. Give clothes to those who need them, and do not hide from relatives who need

your help." Isaiah 58: 6,7 NIV

Today, many kingdom minded Christians have incorporated the Isaiah fast into their daily lives. These people live out Philippians 2:3 NIV, "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourself."

Uncommon Love

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AND HELP THOSE
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AS DAY."
ISAIAH 58:10
NLT*



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