

Here we are on the last day of our journey; 12 days from “IF...”. (Remember, “IF...”? Choices and consequences?) Well, today is a day of decision. Now you are faced with a choice; a choice that will have lasting consequences. Hopefully, during the course of these 12 days you’ve witnessed the power of God at work in *your* life as well as the lives of others. And your heart has been quickened—by that I mean you manifest signs of life, spiritual life—in response to these experiences.

Now you have an opportunity to live the promise! Living the promise means living in the knowledge that no matter what circumstances befall you, (even if they are consequences of your own wrong choices) God hears, God forgives and God heals.

Yes, living the promise is a call to worship—a life of worship, because worship is responding to the revelation of Truth. It’s a response that always involves humility, submission, obedience and repentance. Repentance must be evidenced by obedience. And obedience without submission is not really obedience. And, submission is impossible from a heart that is not humble. Wouldn’t you agree that humility, submission, obedience and repentance are the most reasonable responses to the truth that you are His precious and treasured possession? You’re precious because He created you so He could lavish His love and affection on you. You’re treasured, because He pursued you so He could have a relationship with you. You’re His possession, because He’s given you His name and with it the hope of eternal life. Talk about living the promise! *This is eternal life: that they may know You, the only true God, and the One You have sent—Jesus Christ.* (John 17:3)

As you finish this final devotion, remember and reflect on all you have learned. May your life be richer, and your love for Christ deeper because of all you have experienced and witnessed during OPERATION FREEDOM.

*If My people, which are called by My name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.*

**Now, go...live the promise!**

**Scriptures for further meditation:** Genesis 2:15; 3:17-19; 2 Chronicles 7:12-22; Romans 12:1-2



Trusting in the Providence of Him, the Universal Father, let the country advance to the glory and prosperity to which – mindful of its exalted privileges – it aspires! Wherever its voice is heard, let it proclaim the message of liberty and speak with the divine energy of truth the principles of moral goodness consistently followed in its actions! And while the centuries – as they pass – multiply its population and its resources, let it manifest in its whole history a devoted attachment to public virtue, a dear affection for mankind, and the consciousness of its responsibility to the God of nations!

—George Bancroft, *“The Father of American History”* and founder of the US Naval Academy  
*From an address on the 50th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence*