



# AMEN NEWS

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## FREEDOM

It is fair to say that God is obsessed with freedom! It is rightly so and I believe evident from the Scriptures. If you go back to the story of creation in Genesis you see God creating a paradise in which He places his crowning achievement man and woman to enjoy a life free from evil, sorrow and hardship. When sin drove them out of paradise and away from a personal fellowship with God, He provided a promised deliverer who would one day set humanity free. When Israel groaned under Egyptian bondage God provided Moses to lead the people to freedom into the promised land of Canaan. Throughout Sacred History God is fervently working to lead his chosen to the blessings of freedom.

Nowhere is this more apparent than the events at Mount Sinai where God delivered the Ten Commandments through Moses. To a people who had known only slavery for 400 years without their own culture or social institutions the Torah, as the Commandments are called in Hebrew, were a radical new concept in freedom. In the Torah life is dependent upon the eternal God not the mortal Pharaoh of Egypt. The blessings of liberty lay in keeping the Law of Moses "...so that you may live and prosper and prolong your days in the land that you will possess." Deuteronomy 5:33. An ordered,

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compassionate, just society is the best means for realizing the blessings of liberty. The morality of Mount Sinai became the foundation for the American founding fathers in their quest to devise a new form of government drawn from the consent of the governed.

The defense of freedom is no trivial matter, it must be determined and hard fought. The freedom God has in mind is the salvation and dignity of each individual who is a child of God.

Jesus' ministry drove that point home time after time. Institutions, rituals and dogma are not more important than the individual. "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath," Mark 2:27.

A life of spiritual freedom is a faith relationship with God through Christ Jesus, John 1:12-13. The apostle Paul admonished the Christians of Galatia to be ever-vigilant not to surrender their freedom in Christ for law keeping, Galatians 5:1.

There are many similarities between our political freedom and spiritual freedom. Both uphold the value of the individual and affirm his or her right to life, liberty and to reach their fullest potential under God. The men and women of the Armed Forces dedicate themselves to preserving the Constitution of the United States and our way of life. The Church of Christ is dedicated to preserving the pure Gospel of

Christ's salvation. It is within the AMEN Military Ministry that these two efforts combine to bring the Gospel of freedom in Christ to the military community. The work we do with our Locator Service, instilling in our Key Men and Women a heart for military ministry, workshops and retreats, and on-line classes using God's Word for Warriors contributes to the spiritual growth of those who

## RESOURCES

Military members and veterans will greatly benefit from Small Group Ministries that are sensitive to and address the experiences of warfighters regarding overseas deployments, combat trauma, maintain family relationships in high stress environment, and maintaining godliness as a warrior. God's Word for Warriors is offering two important courses for churches to care for their military families. One course is the **Intersection of Military and Civilian Culture** designed to give insights into the lifestyle and worldview of military life. Another course is the Leadership Development for the **Faith and Transition Course**. The program will teach a member of your church how to lead a 10-week training helping military members navigate transition from deployments back to home life. Email them at [contactus@godswordforwarriors.com](mailto:contactus@godswordforwarriors.com)

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defend our nation's freedom. As God gives us means AMEN will continue to live out the motto found on the Liberty Bell at Independence Hall in Philadelphia, *Proclaim Liberty throughout all the Land unto all the Inhabitants Thereof*, Leviticus 25:10

## UPCOMING EVENTS

19-23 Nov: Euro-American Family Retreat  
Rothenburg od Tauber Germany

Pending Faith and Transition Course  
God' Word for Warriors  
Via Zoom On-line

## NEW KEY MEN & WOMEN

The heart of AMEN are the Key Men/Women who provide the Locator Service benefitting numerous military Christians. Many rely on this network of saints to find opportunities for worship, fellowship and learning. Welcome to our newest Key Men

Adam Matthews

Altus AFB OK

There is a great need for Key Men & Women for:

Fairchild AFB WA

McConnell AFB KS

Williams AFB AZ

Dyess AFB TX

Fort Polk LA

Whiteman AFB MO

Eielson AFB AK

All U.S. Naval vessels

Recruit Training Command, Naval Station Great Lakes IL

Need information on the Chibana Church at Kadena Okinawa; and contacts for deployed location in Poland, Romania, Baltic States