

## Freedom of Faith

We have all heard it said, or have felt for ourselves that faith in God, is like bondage, that we are enslaved to God. When in fact it's the exact opposite. For it is in faith that we find true freedom.

In faith we find that there is nothing that we want, nothing to worry about, no reason to be afraid and there is never a moment that we need to feel lost. Faith in God gives to us a unique and liberating freedom, that allows us to truly live life the way that God desires we should.

**“Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase.”  
Martin Luther King Jr.**

To believe without seeing, this is a very challenging concept and hard to understand. Why someone would blindly trust what they cannot see. In this faith, this blind trust exists a powerful courage to believe, those who do have faith are truly the bravest and strongest people on earth. They are the ones who are persecuted, chastised and martyred because of their faith. Those who oppose faith, do so only out of ignorance or fear. They fear that

which they do not know. Those who are of faith have no need to fear at all. God does not demand anything from us, we have the free will to do as we please. God's love for us is so strong that He could never impose in anyway on our free will. So what is total freedom? To never fear, want or be a slave; to have courage to face the hate and indifference of this world; to never fear death. This is the freedom which all people seek...this is the freedom of faith.

**“Faith is to believe what you do not see; the reward of this faith is to see what you believe.” Saint Augustine**

Faith is the reality of that which we cannot see, do not understand and all which we fail to comprehend. So what assurance do we have that faith works? Look to those who hold faith so dearly in their hearts, look at the longevity of faith and all the obstacles it has overcome; and if that is not enough try complete and total faith in God...what do you have to lose? You gain absolute freedom, or continue to exist within a world that seeks to control and judge your life and all that you do. The choice is yours, live for the emptiness of the world that will always leave you searching or for the fullness of God where true freedom is obtain in the simplest of faith.

*Father in heaven, grant that I may come know the full reality of faith and dwell within the freedom that can only be obtained through authentic faith in You. May that my faith become a well spring, a source of completeness and joy. May the radiance of my faith in You be all that others see in me. Yes Lord, let my faith be a beacon to a lost world, drifting among the fog of indifference and ego, may they find their way to complete freedom in the safe harbor of Your eternal love.*

AMEN