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**WELCOME
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Pastor and Sis. McKinney, along with the CAC Church Family, would like to thank you for choosing to worship the Lord with us today.

We hope you find your visit informative and inspirational and one that will keep you coming back. If you have any questions feel free to contact our ushers or staff. Connect with CAC today and let CAC be your home church.

We hope to see you in future services!

Misunderstood Liberty

II Corinthians 3:17 "Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty."

On July 4, 1776, the Declaration of Independence was adopted. This document was the written statement concerning the 13 original colonies' act of independence from the British Crown. It was a declaration of total freedom from the rule of Great Britain. In a statement from John Hancock to George Washington on July 6, 1776, Hancock wrote: "Congress judged it necessary to dissolve the connection between Great Britain and the American Colonies." Some thought this new found freedom sounded good in theory but wasn't so sure it would work

in practice. The Library of Congress records this statement: "The American republic was founded on a set of beliefs that were tested during the Revolutionary War. Among them was the idea that all people are created equal, whether European, Native American, or African American, and that these people have fundamental rights, such as liberty, free speech, freedom of religion, due process of law, and freedom of assembly. America's revolutionaries openly discussed these concepts. Many Americans agreed with them but some found that the ideology was far more acceptable in the abstract than in practice." Well, we see that this ideology did work out in practice and is still working today. This was the beginning of freedom in the United States as we know it today.

Freedom has and always will be challenged. And today, the natural and religious freedom that we embrace and enjoy in this country are being tested as never before. Radicalization of young minds, lawlessness, immorality, and the rejection of democracy have produced riots and chaos in our streets.

Many today would have you think that liberty is the freedom to do as you please, but liberty is not the freedom to do as you please, for then lawlessness would not be freedom for the one victimized. Liberty stands for the freedoms penned in our Constitution (a set of laws and

regulations), not some ideology that has destroyed and failed peoples, societies, and countries.

The Bible, which contains all the answers to yesterday's, today's, and tomorrow's questions, reminds us of why destruction happens—the lack of knowledge! Hosea 4:6-7 (KJV Strong's) 6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children. 7 As they were increased, so they sinned against me: therefore will I change their glory into shame. This Biblical concept can be applied to all people, societies, and nations.

While liberty and freedom will always be tested and attacked, it must never be destroyed. So this 4th of July, celebrate 244 years of the great things this country has done at home and abroad. And celebrate the liberty you have in Jesus.

