



# The REAL Independence Day

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# What is Independence?

**Dictionary.com says:**

*not influenced or controlled by others in matters of opinion, conduct, etc.; thinking or acting for oneself: an independent thinker. not subject to another's authority or jurisdiction; autonomous; free: an independent businessman.*

4<sup>th</sup> of July – Independence Day

# Many Pressures to be Worldly Independent



**Gov't**  
Political  
Pressure



**Doctors**  
Health care  
professionals



**Family**  
Our family members



**Employers**  
Co-workers or  
employers



**Church**  
Pastors and  
church friends

# Real Freedom

The road with Jesus is less traveled. The world's freedom will involve temporary pleasures but God's freedom will cost your life. It will cost you everything.



The road less traveled



“V”

Agenda

To be Independent you must take the “V” and become a part of the world’s system. This is your true freedom and independence.

# God Kind of Independence

- Stand strong against enemy
- Truth will set you FREE
- Trees of Righteousness
- Mighty Oak Trees by the River
- Identity in God – Knowing who you are
- Preserving your oil – holiness & purity
- Shutting the Gates to the House of God



# How Do You Stand & Keep Door Shut to Enemy?

- Reading God's Word
- Prayer
- Declare what Heaven Says
- Don't look with your natural eyes
- Keep your joy – your oil – your hope
- Trust in God – He will not leave you



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If you love your  
spouse, child,  
house, or your own  
life more than me  
- you're not worthy  
of the Kingdom.

Jesus

**Christianity is the road less traveled**

# Scriptures About Endurance and Hope

- **Psalm 37:5-6 KJV** Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass. And he shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgment as the noonday



*Psalm 9:10 - And they  
that know thy name will  
put their trust in thee:  
for thou, LORD, hast not  
forsaken them that seek  
thee.*



# Though the Storm Rages and the Seas Roar....

- Jesus is our HOPE
- We can **weather any storm** when we stand on the word of God and His truth. He will protect us as long as we stay on that narrow road. It is the road less traveled but leads to Heaven.





# The Bible is our Strength - The WORD

- **Romans 12:19** - Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.

*Our Joy is Our  
Strength in this  
Hour – Your Oil*

**Romans 15:13** -Now  
the God of hope fill you  
with all joy and peace  
in believing, that ye  
may abound in hope,  
through the power of  
the Holy Ghost.





We do **NOT**  
Fear

**Psalms 112:7** -  
He shall not be  
afraid of evil  
tidings: his heart  
is fixed, trusting  
in the LORD.



## God is Our Provider

Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; or yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than

# Summary

You can do ALL things through Christ who gives you strength. Don't fall for their version of INDEPENDENCE DAY. Fall for Jesus' versus of INDEPENDENCE DAY which means CODEPENDENCE ON JESUS.



# Your Independence Day



Is CODEPENDENCE on **Jesus!**

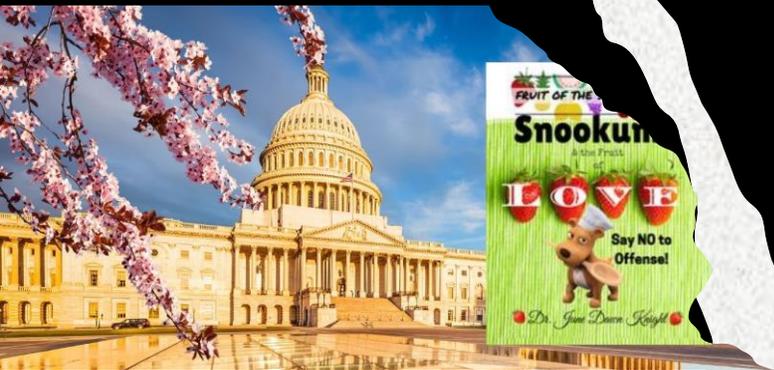
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Having Done  
all to  
STAND

STAND

PREPARING  
*the Bride*  
to meet her Groom





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