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## **RELEASE**

Jesus was bound by nothing and by nobody. He was totally free, and that freedom was essential to his ability to fulfill the Father's purposes.

A word that God has been speaking to me for some time now is "release." We are bound by so many things. We are bound by the pain and injustice of the sins of others against us. And by personal regrets. And worries.

We are bound by unfulfilled desires for things. And by things that we already have and which make demands of us that weary us, yet we hang on to them because, liars that they are, they somehow make us feel better about ourselves.

We are bound by the desire for the approval of others. And to vindicate ourselves. We are bound by unfulfilled expectations of others – expectations that will never be fulfilled.

We are bound by how we think things should be done at church, and in government - things that we are neither responsible for nor have the power to do anything about except in prayer. Nothing about that makes sense. Jesus had none of these. He simply met life moment by moment and followed the voice of the Spirit.

So, what if we were to just let it all go. Say "phooey" to the worthless things that bind us? Entrust it all to God and walk free?

What if we were to invite God to use COVID FIRE to help us do that? Maybe to first of all awaken us to admit how bound we are, and empower us to let things go. And if necessary, to mercifully rip them out of our hands so they can no longer rob us of our freedom.

In the days ahead many will bitterly resent the loss of some of the things that now bind them. Others will find new freedom in being set free even if not by choice.

The truly blessed are those who will choose now to release them, and to unclutter their lives and to walk in the Spirit as Jesus did. Nothing could happen then, to rob them of their freedom because "if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed." John 8:36 niv.

"Dear Jesus, please give me the wisdom, humility and courage to do that. You know where I need help. Thank you, Jesus!"

We need to pray for each other in the journey.

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