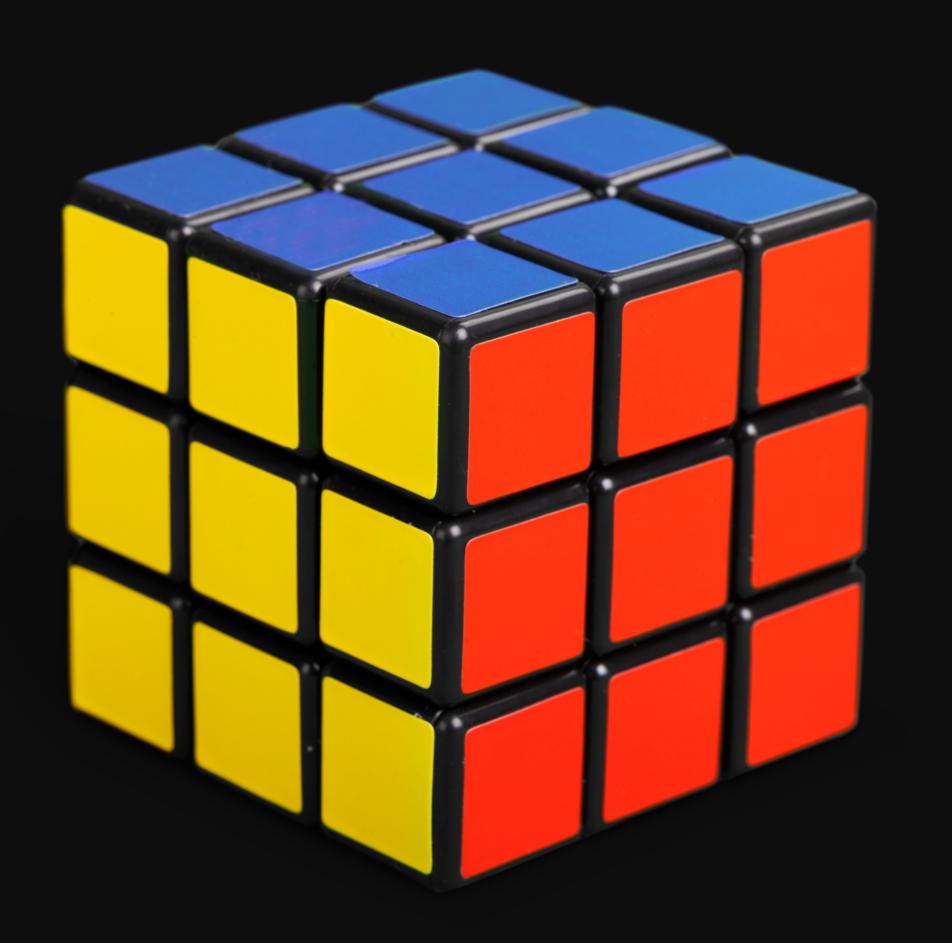
Free Indeed





We crave freedom

but we keep doing things that keep us captive.



I've seen the Promised Land. I may not get there with you. But I want you to know tonight, that we, as a people, will get to the Promised Land! And I'm so happy tonight. I' not worried about anything. I'm not fearing any man! Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the coming of the Lord!"

-- Martin Luther King Jr.



I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal."

I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia, the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slave owners will be able to sit down together at the table of brotherhood.

I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character.

--Martin Luther King Jr.



The marvelous new militancy which has engulfed the Negro community must not lead us to a distrust of all white people, for many of our white brothers, as evidenced by their presence here today, have come to realize that their destiny is tied up with our destiny. And they have come to realize that their freedom is inextricably bound to our freedom.

-- Martin Luther King Jr.



True freedom is not found in the destruction of your enemy.

It's found in loving and serving them.



Philippians 3: If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: 5 circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; 6 as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless.

Philippians 3: 7 But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ.

For the sake of Christ we love our enemies.

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How do we love others, especially our enemies, in the same way Christ did?



Matthew 5: 13 "You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

Matthew 5: 38 "You have heard that it was said, 'Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.' 39 But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also.

Matthew 5: 40 And if anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, hand over your coat as well.

Matthew 5: 41 If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with them two miles.



When it comes to being free indeed, the only way out is through.

Freedom attained by worldly means is still a form of captivity.

Whoever or whatever binds you through hatred is the means by which you become free indeed.



John 8: 31 To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. 32 Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." 33 They answered him, "We are Abraham's descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?"

John 8: 34 Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. 35 Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. 36 So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

True freedom is discovered through the blood of Jesus Christ.



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