

**July 6, 2023**

The Lord wants you to live in His liberty and freedom.

**Ex. 34:9** *“LORD,” he said, “if I have found favor in Your eyes, then let the LORD go with us. Although this is a stiff-necked people, forgive our wickedness and our sin, and take us as your inheritance.”*

Oh, that this would be our prayer today! Does this resound in your heart as it does mine? There is no doubt that the LORD has been more than gracious to us. He has continually blessed us and provided for us.

Moses knew all too well that people were, at best, fickle in their following. These same people had been delivered from slavery, saved through the water of the Red Sea, fed by the hand of the LORD with daily manna sent from heaven. They had seen bitter water turned into sweet, fresh water in the wilderness. And yet, they complained: **Num. 11:4-6** *The rabble with them began to crave other food, and again the Israelites started wailing and said, “If only we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we ate in Egypt at no cost—also the cucumbers, melons, leeks, onions and garlic. But now we have lost our appetite; we never see anything but this manna!”*

Does this not sound like people today? Never satisfied, they continue to look for more and more. **Eph. 4:19 (HCSB)** *They became callous and gave themselves over to promiscuity for the practice of every kind of impurity with a desire for more and more.* We truly are a “stiff-necked people. May we sincerely repent and turn to the only hope that we have; Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Dear LORD, we need You now more than ever. This world continues to go its own way and seek nothing but our own pleasures. Please help us to see You as LORD. We pray that this country will turn back to You. In Jesus Name, Amen.**