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GREATER IS COMING

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## DESTINY CALL TO ACTION: SPEAK UP THROUGH CHRIST



The United States of America is going through a tumultuous time of protests and peaceful demonstrations because we are facing challenges to our constitution. We have many poor and disenfranchised men, women and children who are losing their vital constitutional rights and government benefits. This includes our mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers, nieces, nephews, and cousins, who have already lost their social security and disability benefits, as well as their medicare and medicaid benefits. Some have even lost their city, state, and federal jobs.

Everyone has identified someone to blame. We all point our fingers at different sources, but we've neglected to clasp our hands together in prayer to point our fingers up to the hills whence cometh our help. Our help comes from the Lord who made heaven and earth. We must seek God in everything we do—especially when we're fighting the enemy. Jesus Christ was the original peaceful protestor who exposed the injustices committed by the Pharisees and Sadducees. Before Jesus, God anointed men and women as prophets to help His people. He even sent His angels Gabriel and Michael to identify and protest injustices. Yes, we have a God-given and legal right to peacefully disagree with unjust laws and executive orders. However, we need to first seek Christ in prayer before our rallies, meetings, and demonstrations.

God's Word declares, the battle is not ours, it is the Lord's. It reminds us that we are winners and that we'll never be forsaken by God. That while weapons will rise and be formed against us, they will not prosper or overtake us. We are more than conquerors through Christ who loves us.

Remember as you challenge injustices through conversations, petitions, or rallies, to seek Christ first, and allow Him to guide your footsteps.

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## WALKING IN DESTINY SCRIPTURES



### 2 Chronicles 20:15

*"Be not afraid nor dismayed by reason of this great multitude; for the battle is not yours, but God's."*

### Psalm 37:25

*"I was young and now I am old, yet I have never seen the righteous one forsaken, nor his children begging for bread."*

### Isaiah 54:17

*"No weapon formed against me shall prosper"*



WITH ASHANTI RAYSOR

As we move forward into the month of independence and freedom, we must acknowledge the current state of what many call their home. In the past month, we've seen peaceful protests through demonstrations of the 'No King' protest, 'Hands Off!' protest, as well as other global protests that have sparked conversation around human rights. The reference to America being the "land of the brave, home of the free" has been diminished to almost nothing as the Latinx community faces frightening, unconstitutional removal from the land they believed to be safe. In my efforts, like many, to highlight the social issues that are beginning to boil over, I would like to share a few commonalities that were highlighted for me.

A few weeks ago, a friend and I were able to attend *Gaza Through My Lens - Witnessing the World Through Motaz Azaiza's Eyes*, a United Nations event that showcased and personified the meaning of humility, empathy, and terror. At the event, the Palestinian photojournalist, whose lens had not only captured the devastatingly deep siege of his homeland, as well as the beauty it once was, stirred impactful thoughts for the over 400 people in attendance. At only 26 years old, Motaz has sustained well over many life-changing experiences, ones that cannot be exhibited in their severity. Held in a church, under the gaze of God and a few angels, you could feel a hunger to learn, give, and inspire.

The crowd was heavy with a multitude of emotions, seeking to lend open ears, minds, and hearts to the victims and storytellers of the Palestinian genocide. Motaz brought up the irony of presenting in Philadelphia due to Philly being the birthplace of freedom and independence. This ironic situation brought a piercing juxtaposition to light. Gaza, long bound by blockades and occupation, remains dependent on international sympathy and sporadic aid for survival. While a Palestinian, from the heart of Palestine, speaks of the land he calls home in the city that calls itself a sanctuary. A sanctuary to whom? It wasn't one to the men, women, and children killed and affected by the MOVE bombing, the families that are being affected by deportation, nor the many plagued by acts of gun violence.

The similarities drawn between the two were striking. Both events, rooted in acquiring power, discrimination, and the silencing of resistance, echoed across time and geography. The message is clear in the connections that were formed: these aren't isolated incidents but symptoms of global systems of oppression. The parallels between Gaza and historical injustices, not just here in Philadelphia, were striking. Each story demonstrates the stronghold of state power being wielded to suppress, dehumanize, and erase.

History doesn't repeat itself, but it does rhyme. It's up to us to identify the patterns and choose to be on the right side of history. So, as we celebrate this month of freedom, we must ask ourselves: What does freedom really look like? And more importantly, who gets to live it? The answer depends on what we choose to do next. "My dream was to show you how beautiful life is... How beautiful my home is," says Motaz Azaiza.



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## SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT



If you're looking for a place to learn more about God and gain insight into His word see the list of suggestions below. If you know a place that provides spiritual enrichment let us know so we can add them to the list.

- ▶ 'Girl Talk' | Every Sunday, 2pm – 3 pm on :  
Facebook: WTGB or online: <https://tgbtgb.org/girl-talk-2/>
- ▶ Ascension Church | Services held inside Tinley Temple Methodist Church  
750-62 S. Broad Street, Phila., 19146 | Pastor John Brice
- ▶ Change Church | 895 Rancocas Road, Westhampton, NJ 08060  
Sunday morning worship - 1130am | Pastor Dharius Daniels
  
- ▶ Dare to Imagine Church | 6610 Anderson Street, Phila., 19119  
Sunday morning worship - 9:00am and 11:00 am | Rev. James Scott, Jr.
- ▶ Ebenezer Baptist Church | 1002 N. 10th Street, Phila., 19133  
Sunday morning worship – 11am | Pastor Malcom Medley
- ▶ Mediator Lutheran Church | 2845 N. 28th Street, Phila., 19132  
Sunday morning worship – 11am | Pastor Regina Goodrich
- ▶ New Covenant Church of Philadelphia | 7500 Germantown Avenue, Phila., 19119  
Sunday morning worship – 9:30am | Executive Pastor Bob Oliver
- ▶ Polite Temple Baptist Church | 38 E. Price Street, Phila., 19144  
Morning Worship - 10:00am | Pastor Bernadine Waterman
- ▶ Providence Baptist Church | 87 E. Haines Street, Phila., 19144  
Sunday morning worship – 10am | Pastor A. Gregory Jackson
  
- ▶ Apostle Tomy Jordan and Pastor Stephanie D. Jordan from Abiding Love Deliverance Center, NC are streaming live on Zoom every Saturday at noon. ID: 306 155 0388, Password: JESUSJOY  
Dial 646-558-8656 to join them for Prayer on Tuesdays at 6pm and Wednesdays for Bible Study at 7 pm.  
Contact information: 267-290-0654 or [abidinglovedeliverancecenter@gmail.com](mailto:abidinglovedeliverancecenter@gmail.com)



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## TRIVIA QUESTION...

Of all our body parts, which one cannot heal itself??

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(Answer on last page)





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## **RESOURCES IN PHILADELPHIA AND THE SURROUNDING AREAS**

At the time of publication, listed resources were available. Contact to verify that what you are interested in is still happening or accessible.  
Please share the following with friends, family, neighbors, your social and ministry circles, etc.  
Feel free to post on your personal social media and church bulletin boards.

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### **FOOD RESOURCES**

We are listing known food distributions, but you can also contact churches in your neighborhoods. Many of them hold weekly distributions. If you know of a resource not listed here, feel free to let us know and we will add them to future issues of the newsletter. Thank you.

### **FREE FOOD & PRODUCE**

- ▶ Mi Salud Wellness Center, 200 E Wyoming Ave, Phila PA, 19120 | [CLICK HERE for INFO](https://www.misaludwellness.org/)  
or place the following in your browser: <https://www.misaludwellness.org/>  
**Mondays and Wednesdays** at 6pm - first come first served until food runs out - 215.220.4421
- ▶ JeffCARES Community Pantry - 5587 Park Ave., Phila PA 19141 - **Tues 8am-1pm and Thu 1pm-4pm**
- ▶ LemonTree Free Food in Wynnefield PA Helpline: [CLICK HERE FOR INFO](https://www.foodhelpline.org/directory/locations/wynnefield) or place the following in your browser: <https://www.foodhelpline.org/directory/locations/wynnefield>
- ▶ **Councilmember Jamie Gautier, 606 S. 52nd Street, 19139** grocery giveaway open to all local residents; 2nd and 3rd Thursday of each month; no pre-registration required. First come, first served basis. Attendees advised to bring their own bags to carry the items.
- ▶ New Covenant Church of Philadelphia - 7500 Germantown Ave. Phila PA 19119 - 215.247.7500  
2 Fish 5 Loaves Food Pantry serves on the **2nd, 3rd and 4th Saturdays of the month** until food runs out.  
Closed during inclement weather and holidays.
- ▶ Philly Free Food and Meals: [CLICK HERE FOR INFO](https://www.phila.gov/food/#/) or place the following in your browser:  
<https://www.phila.gov/food/#/>
- ▶ Rittenhouse Farmers' Market : Saturday's 10 am - 2 pm : 18th & Walnut Streets, 19107 / 215.733.9599  
[CLICK HERE FOR INFO](#)
- ▶ Chestnut Hill Farmers' Market : Saturdays - 10 am - 12 pm / [CLICK HERE FOR INFO](#)  
Winston Road between Germantown Avenue & Mermaid Lane, 19107 / 215.733.9599
- ▶ East Falls Farmers' Market : Saturdays - 10 am - 1pm - 4100 Ridge Ave., 19129 Under the Twin Bridges  
[CLICK HERE FOR INFO](#)
- ▶ Philly Farmers Markets <https://www.phila.gov/farmers-markets/> - [CLICK HERE FOR INFO](#)
- ▶ The Food Trust: <https://thefoodtrust.org/what-we-do/farmers-markets/>  
Includes info for several neighborhoods in Philadelphia. [CLICK HERE FOR INFO](#)
- ▶ Share Food Program, Food Map by County: <https://www.sharefoodprogram.org/>
- ▶ PA Food Pantries: <https://www.pa.gov/en/agencies/dhs/resources/ending-hunger/food-pantries.html>



## **ALL AROUND RESOURCES & ASSISTANCE**

### ▶ **Prevention Hotline** | dial 211

If you need to connect with resources in your community, but don't know where to look, PA 211 is a great place to start. From help with a utilities bill, to housing assistance, after-school programs for kids, and more, you can dial 211 or text your zip code to 898-211 to talk with a resource specialist for free. Our specialists will listen to your needs and give you information on programs in your community that might be able to help. Visit our [search page](#) to explore programs available in your community by categories such as financial assistance, housing, and food. You can also connect with a resource specialist via [chat](#) during business hours.

*While the hotline provides critical support, individuals facing immediate danger should always contact 911.*

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## **HOUSEHOLD RESOURCES**

### ▶ **Smoke Alarms** - <https://www.phila.gov/departments/philly311/>

Philadelphia residents call 3-1-1 to receive a free smoke alarm installation. You can also [submit a request to Philly 311 online](#).



### ▶ **Philadelphia Water Department Financial Assistance Programs**

If you're having problems paying your water bill or maintaining your service, Philadelphia Water Department has programs that may help you. For a view of the options available visit: <https://water.phila.gov/financial-assistance/>



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## **EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES & OPPORTUNITIES**

### ▶ **Philadelphia School District Re-Engagement Center**

The School District of Philadelphia understands that every student has unique needs. For some, life outside of school makes traditional education challenging. So, they are offering alternative schools and programs tailored to support students success, ensuring graduates are ready for college or a career. Resources include the Re-engagement Center; Programs: Accelerated, Continuation, Gateway to College and Transition; Adult Education Programs: Diploma Programs and Educational Options. For more information call [215-400-4000](tel:215-400-4000) or go to: <https://www.philasd.org/backontrack/>

### ▶ **DadLab** | Meetings held online with Zoom

This is a group of fathers-to-be, new fathers, and their partners who come together to share and learn what it means to be a new parent and how to build a strong bond with their baby. There are no lectures prescribing the "right" way to father. The aim of Dad Lab is to help participants get off to a good start in their new role as parent. The group is a peer community with participants who have life experiences in common and share their parenting questions, concerns and successes. It's a safe space where members learn from each other and support each other on their parenthood journey.



Click and page through the link below for meeting dates or contact co-facilitator Clarence B. Iszard at 484-471-7005 or [https://academiccommons.jefferson.edu/ext/parent\\_education/index.cfm?cat=all](https://academiccommons.jefferson.edu/ext/parent_education/index.cfm?cat=all)

### ▶ **Project Home/Honickman Learning Center Comcast Technology Labs**

Check the website for FREE community events, adult learning classes, workshops, job fairs, wellness programs, volunteer opportunities, art shows and fundraisers: <https://www.projecthome.org/events>



- ▶ **FREE CLASSES** - The Free Library of Philadelphia offers a wide variety of free classes at branches around the city. Additionally, the City of Philadelphia works with community partners to give adult learners access to education, digital skills training, and a path to job readiness. CLICK the links below for info...
  - [Adult education at the Free Library](#)
  - [Other programs and services at the Free Library](#)
  - [Adult education through the Office of Children and Families](#)

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## **COVID & HEALTH/HEALING RESOURCES**

### ■ **RELIEF FOR COVID RELATED FUNERAL EXPENSES**

Philadelphians who have lost loved ones due to covid, can receive FEMA aid to cover funeral expenses, available until September 2025. To apply, call 844-684-6333 or visit <https://www.usa.gov/covid-funeral-assistance>

### ■ **COVID-19 VACCINATIONS**

Covid-19 vaccinations and boosters are available in numerous locations throughout Philadelphia and its surrounding cities and counties.



To find COVID-19 vaccine locations near you:

- go to: <https://www.phila.gov/services/mental-physical-health/get-vaccinated/get-your-covid-19-vaccine-or-boosters/>
- Search [vaccines.gov](https://vaccines.gov),
- Text your ZIP code to 438829, or
- Call 1-800-232-0233.
- Many neighborhood pharmacies continue to offer vaccines. Check with your local pharmacy.
- To request an in-home appointment, call 215-685-5488 (press 2 for Spanish or 3 for all other languages). Dial 711 for TRS/TTY assistance.

### ■ **COVID-19 TESTING**

There are many covid testing sites available. Go to: <https://www.phila.gov/covid-testing-sites/> or access the Testing Locator at [testinglocator.cdc.gov](https://testinglocator.cdc.gov).

- **North Philadelphia Resource Hub** at Mi Salud Wellness Center, 200 E Wyoming Ave, 19120  
<https://www.misaludwellness.org/>

#### **- Free and Confidential Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) Screenings**

Every Monday and 3rd Tuesday 10am - 3:30pm

#### **- Free Walk-in Health Screenings - No ID or insurance needed (Entrance on A Street)**

Second and Third Tuesday of every month 1-4pm

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## Children's Corner

**1st Things First** – The Word for this month is "FREEDOM". True freedom, according to the Bible, is found in Jesus Christ and is a gift that empowers believers to live a life of love and righteousness.

**2nd Thing** - How many common words can you make out of the word FREEDOM? Give it a try and come back next month to compare your list with ours.

**3rd Thing** - Last Month's word was FATHER. Our Google search says there are over 78 words that can be found in FATHER. Here's our top 39. How many did you come up with?

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| 2. are   | 10. fare   | 18. frat | 26. hear  | 34. rate |
| 3. art   | 11. fart   | 19. fret | 27. heart | 35. tar  |
| 4. ate   | 12. fat    | 20. hare | 28. heat  | 36. tare |
| 5. ear   | 13. fate   | 21. hart | 29. heft  | 37. tea  |
| 6. earth | 14. father | 22. hat  | 30. her   | 38. tear |
| 7. eat   | 15. fear   | 23. hate | 31. raft  | 39. the  |
| 8. era   | 16. feat   | 24. hate | 32. rah   |          |

## Now on to some fun for the kids, teens and everyone!

- ▶ WAWA Welcome America Festival – Now through July 4th  
<https://phillychineselanternfestival.com/> or [CLICK HERE](#)
- ▶ Philadelphia Chinese Lantern Festival – Now through August 31st  
<https://phillychineselanternfestival.com/> or [CLICK HERE](#)
- ▶ Free Places to Take The Kids in and around Philadelphia (PLUS Summer Camp Listings)  
<https://philly.kidsoutandabout.com/content/free-places-take-kids-and-around-philadelphia>
- ▶ Best Free Things to do in Philadelphia:  
[https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attractions-g60795-Activities-zft11292-Philadelphia\\_Pennsylvania.html](https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attractions-g60795-Activities-zft11292-Philadelphia_Pennsylvania.html)
- ▶ **AAMP Family Fun Days** / African American Museum in Philadelphia, 701 Arch Street, Phila PA 215-574-0308  
[CLICK HERE FOR INFO](#)

## **More Events for the Family...** (click the underlined links below for more info)

- ▶ Mommy Poppins - Find Daily Events in Philadelphia : [CLICK HERE FOR INFO](#)
- ▶ City of Philadelphia - All Events: <https://www.phila.gov/the-latest/all-events/>
- ▶ My Guide Philadelphia - May 2025 Events: <https://www.myguidephiladelphia.com/events/may-2025/page/7>
- ▶ Visit Philadelphia - Summer 2025: <https://www.visitphilly.com/events/summer-events/>



# DISCOVERY

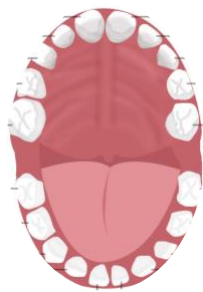


The Bible speaks of freedom in two ways: freedom from the bondage of sin and freedom to serve God and others.

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## WORD LIST

Believer  
Benefits  
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Injustice  
Love  
Peaceful  
Petition  
Protest  
Righteousness  
Serve  
Summertime  
Talk  
Weapon



## TRIVIA QUESTION...

Of all our body parts, which one cannot heal itself?

## THE ANSWER...

Our teeth.

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