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***Ps 18:19b He rescued me because He delighted in me.***

**THIS MONTH'S MEDITATION SCRIPTURE: *Let us behave properly as in the day, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual promiscuity and sensuality, not in strife and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh in regard to its lusts. Rom. 13:13,14***

### **Free Will: God's Gift, Mankind's Friend or Foe**

When God created man, free will was included in his make-up. Over history, free will has proven it can be a friend of man, and at other times it has proven it can be his foe. But each and every time it all depends on the human's choices. Even for born-again, Bible-believing children of God our choices will make all the difference in our outcomes.

Have you ever had to make a decision that had more than one option, and you weren't sure which one was the Lord's will? Or which one would take you in a righteous direction? Or which one would blow up in your face? Most of us always want to be right. We don't want to be making mistakes in our lives. Some mistakes are not sins, but some are, as they say, whoppers. I cannot tell you how many times in my life I've begged God just to send somebody, anybody, to tell me what I'm supposed to do.

Then there are the times when we're being triggered or tempted. For those of us who because of the fall have inherited or developed an addictive nature, we still have the free will to make the choices that will honor God and keep us out of sin, yet often still feel helpless to overcome our sin nature in the moment. Though in our right thinking, our minds know the righteous choice, that's not the one that wins out all the time. I can remember times of resisting and resisting and resisting, only to give up in the end and jump into the sin, just so the battle would stop for the moment. Obviously, that is what is called in addiction circles stinkin' thinkin'. But that is where many end up. Then comes the shame of our choice, piling up on us.

When guys whom I've discipled over the years come struggling with repetitive and besetting sins, I've sometimes encouraged them to try to remember how bad they feel about themselves in that moment when they've fallen so that when the enemy comes again with his ammunition and lies, they will exercise their free will in a God-honoring way and send the devil away.

Guy Hammond, a former gay man and founder of Strength in Weakness ministry, spoke recently to a group of church leaders which I attended. He made a very simple yet impactful statement that has the potential to stop each of us in our tracks when a decision to sin or not is in our path. He said, **“You have the right to make your own choices, but you do not have the right to choose your own consequences.”** God has laws written, and words spoken, in place already that determine our outcomes when we unwisely choose sin over holiness. The verses above remind us of this truth. May we always remember Whose we are in the day of trouble!

### [Responses From You](#)

From a sister in the Lord: Thanks, Daniel. Well said.

From another sister in the Lord: And those who did nothing in church before the lock downs (but were upset about not being able to do things in church during the lock downs) have gone back to not doing anything in the church post lock down.

### [Upcoming Ministry Meetings](#)

Family & Friends Group: Tuesday, August 27, 2024; Tuesday, September 24, 2024

Overcomers Group: Thursday, Aug 29, 2024; Thursday, Sept 12, 2024; Thursday, Sept 26, 2024

### [Ministry Events](#)

Rainbow Revival Freedom March: Chicago, IL October 18-20, 2024

Friday 18th, 7:00pm Freedom Rally Night, Near West Vineyard Church, 1443 W Roosevelt Rd Chicago, 60608

Saturday 19th, 1:00pm Freedom March, Lincoln Park, 72 W LaSalle Dr., Chicago, IL 60614

Sunday, 20th, 10:00am Sunday Service, Maranatha Church, 4301 W Diversey Ave, Chicago, IL 60639

### [Ongoing Prayer Requests](#)

New Participants for Overcomers Group and new online lay-counselors • New members for our Family & Friends Group (especially wives) • Ministry Finances • Open doors to churches, so pastor and staff can be effectively equipped • Those currently being served by Abba’s Delight ministry, both Overcomers and Family & Friends • Continued freedom to operate ministry in KY. Continued speaking engagements.

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***Now unto Him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy, to the only God our Savior through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and authority before all time and now and forever. Amen. Jude 24-25***