

"We Liberate the Oppressed"
De Oppresso Liber

Luke 4:16-21

16 He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. And he stood up to read. 17 The scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

18 "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, **to release the oppressed,** 19 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." (Is 61:2)

20 Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him, 21 and he began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing." NIV

I. Intro - Afghan children & the "kite stomping" Green Beret

II. As followers of Jesus Christ we have been commissioned to "liberate the oppressed"

***oppress* = to crush or burden by abuse of power or authority; to burden spiritually or mentally as if by pressure; weigh down**

III. This world is currently controlled by a malevolent tyrant named Satan. He Oppresses the weak, the ignorant (deceived), and the proud. Just as Saddam Hussein used his death squads, Republican Guard, and his military to crush the people of Iraq. Like Saddam, Satan's days in power are numbered but until he is removed he has four primary ways to oppress those under his regime. The mission given us by our commander and chief, Jesus, is to enforce the liberation that He brought to the world through the cross. Our weapon, the Jdam called the Word of God. Knowing and applying God's truth is the only way to freedom.

Training - Skill - Passion

In order to communicate and enforce the freedom gained for the oppressed by Jesus on the cross we need to be trained, be passionate, and compassionate.

Wild at Hearts popularity

Its great to climb mountains, shoot big guns, and drive heavy equipment, but real wild men free captives. (454 Casul and my 223)

Jesus was the ultimate Green Beret. Some special ops win the war. Others communicate the laws of the new regime. Still others enforce the peace.

- A. grudges** - rancor bitterness resentment
- B. guilt** - remorse blame fault
- C. grief** - sorrow angst misery
- D. fear** - worry dread terror (most of the fear we fight in our world comes from Our desire to look good in the eyes of others.

1 Thess 5:13-15

14 And we urge you, brothers, warn those who are idle, encourage the timid, help the weak, be patient with everyone. 15 Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong, but always try to be kind to each other and to everyone else.

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Burt Issaccson - and Shane Prevost story for the Conclusion.