

# Let's Talk CHANGE DEVOTIONALS



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## CELEBRATE YOUR TRUE INDEPENDENCE DAY!

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There were fireworks, flashing lights, horns blaring, thunderous cheering and incredible singing as the air was electrified with excitement. More importantly, the heavens were rejoicing and God was so very pleased. So, what was all this commotion about? Independence Day! Whenever someone repents, gives their life to Jesus Christ and decides to be identified with Christ through water baptism, then receives the gift of the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in tongues as God's Spirit gives utterance, that person experiences INDEPENDENCE DAY!

It's not just about the theology of being saved, but rather it's celebrating our FREEDOM and INDEPENDENCE in Christ!

As a young child, I was baptized in water in the name of Jesus and that August when the Holy Ghost fell on me, I spoke in tongues for hours. I was excited beyond words. That experience has confirmed my knowledge that "Sin is not my Boss!" Home Assembly Church members can relate to that, as I ministered on that series for a couple of months. And because it's not our boss when we're tempted to sin, our minds should be triggered by the Holy Ghost and we should be reminded of our Independence Day; celebrating that we can resist the devil and he will flee from us.

Being born again is anyone's Independence Day. No longer being held hostage by sin is freedom that everyone should have. In a few days, on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, the United States of America will celebrate its Independence Day, but what day do YOU celebrate your soul's Independence Day?

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