

RANSOMED HEART

LOVE GOD. LIVE FREE.

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Dear Friends,

Great things come in threes.

The Trinity. Morning, noon and night. Breakfast, lunch and dinner. Jesus' inner circle – Peter, James and John. Tripods. Tricycles. Most clover leaves. And...

The three new features I'm excited to tell you about in this month's letter.

1–Connect

Because we are made in the image of the Trinity, we are – all of us – deeply relational beings. Made to connect. Made to walk alongside one another, made to need someone else in our foxhole. This is even *more* true when we begin to understand the weight of the Larger Story, the battle for our hearts and the times in which we live. But often it's hard to find folks who want what you want, true allies. Till now.

Across the U.S. and all around the world, men and women are gathering together to go deeper in the Ransomed Heart message – to pursue a deeper intimacy with Jesus, further restoration in their own lives, to join in the Larger Story of battling for the hearts and lives of others, to bring Jesus as he really is to the world. Bible studies, weekend events, retreats, small groups, churches centered around this gospel, and counselors working from this perspective. Some of those allies are right in your neighborhood.

It is our hearts' earnest desire to connect you. And, to help people find *you* as you offer gatherings and opportunities yourself.

SO, we've completely revamped and updated the "Allies Network" on our website – a meeting place where you can find true allies, and invite others to join in what you are doing. We think you're going to love it! The technology is much more user-friendly and the postings are fresh and current. (There are 442 active listings this week alone!)

Don't even think about walking alone. Connect with others. Invite them to your events. Sign onto the Allies Network.

2–Pray

I know, I know – every ministry says, "We need your prayers." The typical response to the hurried conversation after church is, "I'll pray for you." We all give a nod to prayer, but frankly very little happens after that.

Not here, not in this Great Battle.

We live by the power of prayer; we advance the Kingdom in staggering ways by the power of prayer. Just this past weekend we had a phenomenal women's event – the Captivating Advanced. Honestly, I have never seen so much profound healing, restoration and breakthrough in one weekend (and we've seen some pretty incredible weekends!). It happened in great part because of prayer. Your prayers.

We have on our website two prayer features – one offering you all sorts of prayers for your life. Bedtime prayers (if sleeping has been assaulted). Prayers for breaking curses. Life prayers. Prayers for inner healing, or sexual healing. They pack a powerful punch. You can find them on our website under “Pray.”

We also have a group of prayer warriors – our intercessors – folks like you who have signed up to help us bring the Kingdom. I send out a weekly prayer update to those folks, and when we unite...the effects are just miraculous. One of the really cool reports we continually receive back from our prayer team is this: “Your intercessor updates have taught me how to pray with power and effect.” So it is a discipleship experience as well. If you'd like to commit to be a part of our intercessory team, you can also find out how on our website feature “Pray.”

3–Give

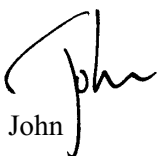
No emotional appeals. No fundraising tactics. Once or twice a year I'm simply going to let you know our needs – that Ransomed Heart is able to carry out our mission because wonderful people like you give to us.

I've mentioned before that one of Stasi and my greatest joys is giving to this work, to see men and women ransomed all around the world, to see real Christianity fought for, to see such Kingdom beauty break forth in the lives of millions. (We are now reaching millions of people. Well, you are. Together we are!) If you're looking for a place to invest in the Kingdom, if our work has touched your life in deep ways, c'mon and jump in with those of us helping to carry Ransomed Heart forward! I won't be clamoring as some ministries do. Would you simply ask Jesus what he would have you do to support this beautiful mission? Our new envelope makes it even easier to give.

And speaking of giving, once in awhile we love to practice a sort of radical generosity by giving away some of our resources for free. Last year we gave away 20,000 books in our “Christmas box” offer. This month we are going to give away thousands more – for you to give away, to spread the gospel. Starting October 28th, simply go to our website, select your one free book, cover the shipping and you're good to go. While supplies last.

Give. Pray. Connect. We hope this will deepen your experience of partnering with us, with God, in the Great Invasion. What could possibly be more exciting?

With love, and hope,



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