

FREEDOM MINISTRIES CHURCH  
**Let Freedom Ring**



*We Celebrate the  
Birth of Jesus*

*Merry Christmas*

DECEMBER 2015

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### **Service Times**

10:30 a.m. Sunday School  
12:00 p.m. Sunday Morning Worship  
7:00 p.m. Tuesday Shavah Prayer  
7:00 p.m. Thursday Bible Study

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*Deadline to submit next articles:  
Sunday, DECEMBER 27th*



**Thank God for 2015  
and  
Thank God for 2016**

**Freedom Ministries Church  
Watchnight Service  
12/31 — 10 pm**

***(Join us for breakfast  
immediately following service)***

# *From Pastor Filmore*

**W**e are truly blessed to witness the approach to the last month of the year **2015**. If you are alive at the end of the month, give him praise as the only time that you and I have is *“right now”*. **November** was a tremendous month for **Freedom Ministries Church** as the **Women of Freedom** had an excellent time at the **Retreat in Ormond Beach, Florida**. **Brother Tony Jenkins**, along with **his staff** sponsored a wonderful **Youth Movie Night** where the feature movie was **Annie**; complete with popcorn, hot dogs, and other foodstuff that you would get at the movies for a cost that will be used to build up the Youth treasury for later events. **The Large Screen** and the speaker system was such that was reminiscent of **“the drive-in movies”** of back in the day. They had chairs to sit in but at one point, I elected to sit in my car to watch. Everything was so fantastic. The staff stayed around to finish the job. We were favored with the debut of the ministry of the Word by **Minister Cedric Thomas**. **Minister Cedric** did an outstanding job in presenting the Word of God as he encouraged us to live our lives in the love of God. Be doers of the word and not just hearers only. So as not to be rushed for a **Thanksgiving Service**, our members were encouraged to enjoy and give thanks to God for their families and for the many blessings that He has bestowed upon us in **2015**. We had our final **Leadership Meeting** for **2015** on the **3<sup>rd</sup>** of December at 6pm. We are requesting all leaders to be in attendance. On Friday night, the **4<sup>th</sup>**, at **7pm Brother Tony Jenkins** sponsored our **Youth Children Banquet** and with an excellent time to share in God’s blessings. Then on Saturday night, the **5<sup>th</sup>**, the **Singles of Freedom Ministries** enjoyed their **Christmas Banquet**. On the **20<sup>th</sup>** of December, **Minister Angie Thomas** will be debuting with her **first sermon** as a **Minister of the Gospel**. What a way to end **2015** and to express ***our appreciation to God for His Unspeakable riches***. Our service will be a recap of all that God has done for us. **Minister Birdsong and his wife, Jean**, have consented to prepare breakfast afterwards for those in attendance, to include the community. As we end **2015**, we are looking forward to **2016** with such anticipation to see what God’s got in store for us. **Saints of God, our season is upon us and He wants us to expect the blessings to be exceeding, abundantly, above all we can ask or think. However, remember; there is a cost and that cost is obedience to His Word. We don’t mind paying, Amen?** Let us rise to the occasion to reap the harvest. We are **Saints of the Most High God**, let us live like it. **Let us model the life of Christ on a consistent and daily basis.**

*Freddie Filmore, Sr., Pastor*



# Adam, Where Are You?

by Pastor Freddie Filmore

**G**enesis 2:15 And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it. <sup>16</sup>And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: <sup>17</sup>But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die. God is not a man that He should lie. He says what He means and He means what He says. Adam's job was to dress and keep the garden of Eden. However, whenever you plant a seed (that God planted), the seed planted will be accompanied by weeds (that was planted by Satan) that tends to grow faster than the seed that you planted. However, let God do the separating of the wheat from the tares, saints from the sinner. You just live the life that God has ordained.

**Genesis 3:8** And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden. <sup>9</sup>And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou? <sup>10</sup>And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself. <sup>11</sup>And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat? <sup>12</sup>And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat. <sup>13</sup>And the LORD

God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat. God knew where Adam was, but Adam needed to know the effect of the decision that He had just made which was contrary to what God said. We need to know that there are consequences to our choices. What God wants from us is what He gave us in the beginning. When God first created man, this is how he was created as recalled in **Genesis 1:26** And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. The let "us" is believed to be the Father, Son, and the Holy Ghost, the Trinity. All are God and they each had a say in the making of man. Yet, man was given dominion over everything else that God created. Scripture says in **2 Peter 1:3** According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: <sup>4</sup>Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature. We were left with a choice. God needed to know that his creation would love Him with the same love that He loved his creation. Adam and Eve failed miserably. Thank God that is not the end of the story. In **Genesis 3:14** And the LORD God said



# Adam, Where Are You? (Continued)

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unto the serpent, **Because thou hast done this, thou *art* cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life: <sup>15</sup>And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.**

Satan is the serpent and his job is to steal, kill, and destroy. Thank God there is another option, Jesus Christ; and He brings light to a darken world, and He came that we might have life, and to have it more abundantly. As long as there is breath in your body, you can choose to return to the way God made Adam in the beginning, so that we can spend eternity with Him. Praise the Lord. The choice is

ours, for He said in His word in **Deuteronomy 30:19 I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, *that* I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live:**

We need to be transparent before God:

- Even if the blessing is delayed, it will come to pass, because God spoke it.
- To hide something, put it in plain view. The love of God is in plain view; for God so loved the world, that He gave.
- You will have what you say. Agree with God and we are well on our way to be everything that God envision for us at the beginning

## HOLIDAY TIPS

From Chaplain Birdsong  
Orange County Sheriff's Office

### Here are a few holiday safety tips to help:

- Always be vigilant with your surroundings.
- Be prepared to open your car before you get to it; the same with your house or business.
- Please be aware that electronics are target items for theft.
- Do not leave valuable purchases unattended in your vehicle, even for a short period of time. **Lock all doors.**
- The trunk of your vehicle is not a safe place to store valuables.
- If you feel unsafe at any time please contact your local law enforcement agency by dialing 911.



# The Other 'F' Words Part III

Minister Olivian Peterson-Brown

## **F**OUNDATION

There's a fairy tale about three little pigs and the houses they built for themselves once they moved out of their parent(s) home ☺. Basically, one built a house out of straw. One built a house made of wood (twigs). One made a house built of bricks. There was a wolf that didn't want them to build houses in his territory (personally, I think he may have been hungry and was looking for some bacon, ham, and pork chops but, not my story).

Anyway, the story line goes like this: Pigs left home, built their individual houses, wolf blew the first two down and went after the third house but couldn't blow it down. Why? Building material was too strong for this bad wind bag! He ran into a house that was stronger than the other two. The first two were built with light weight material and the houses went down with little resistance. The third house stood because it was made of strong, substantial material.

Then there's the scriptural example in Mathew 7:24-27 "Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it."

Notice that the house built on the rock withstood the rain, the floods, and the wind? The house on sand fell. Not a fairy tale but a life lesson in this case. That's what our lives are likened to, spiritually building on a daily basis the place where we live. We can't afford to be frivolous, careless, or cheap about our building material. Our lives will be infiltrated and even bombarded at times with torrential type rains called trouble. It could be prodigal children, untimely deaths, personal losses – homes, jobs, finances, reputation, and health.

The tragedy in the story of the Three Little Pigs is that they all apparently had access to the same material. For whatever reason, two of them decided to use the straw and the wood (twigs) and the wolf blew their houses down. It could have been laziness, convenience, cost, time, the way the material looked, or some other reason but whatever the reason, it cost them their homes. They went light and the wolf destroyed their homes.

Yes, I'm sure the bricks required a bit more work but in the long run, that brick house stood strong against the enemy. How about the winds of adversity in our lives? When trouble comes, will we remain standing? What are we using to build up our spiritual house? Is the foundational integrity of our spiritual lives solid? Can we hold up sure, and secure? There will be unexpected (unwanted) situations to test the building material and the foundation. The material matters. If you're still breathing (if you're still alive), it isn't too late to get it right. Forget pride. Start over if need be but get it right.


# NO LEFTOVERS

by Pastor Freddie Filmore

John 6:1 ***After these things Jesus went over the sea of Galilee, which is the sea of Tiberias. <sup>2</sup>And a great multitude followed him, because they saw his miracles which he did on them that were diseased. <sup>3</sup>And Jesus went up into a mountain, and there he sat with his disciples. <sup>4</sup>And the passover, a feast of the Jews, was nigh. <sup>5</sup>When Jesus then lifted up his eyes, and saw a great company come unto him, he saith unto Philip, Whence shall we buy bread, that these may eat? <sup>6</sup>And this he said to prove him: for he himself knew what he would do. <sup>7</sup>Philip answered him, Two hundred pennyworth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may take a little. <sup>8</sup>One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, saith unto him, <sup>9</sup>There is a lad here, which hath five barley loaves, and two small fishes: but what are they among so many? <sup>10</sup>And Jesus said, Make the men sit down. Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand. <sup>11</sup>And Jesus took the loaves; and when he had given thanks, he distributed to the disciples, and the disciples to them that were set down; and likewise of the fishes as much as they would. <sup>12</sup>When they were filled, he said unto his disciples, Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost. <sup>13</sup>Therefore they gathered them together, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves, which remained over and above unto them that had eaten. <sup>14</sup>Then those men, when they had seen the miracle that Jesus did, said, This is of a truth that prophet that should come into the world.***

The Spirit of that prophet, Jesus Christ, is yet in the world performing miracle after miracle, to those that would dare believe His Word. No matter how great the miracle that He does through you or in your presence, the God of Glory gets the glory. So no matter how God will use you, it is for the glory of God. He deposits in you and me, everything that we need to get the job done; and there are no leftovers. So let us give God our best, give Him all that He has given us to get the job done. Don't hold anything in reserve. Look at how He puts it in the following scripture. **Lamentations 3:22 *It is of the LORD'S mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. <sup>23</sup>They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness. <sup>24</sup>The LORD is my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in him.*** Every morning we wake up, God gives us new compassions to live by, to experience life as He intended. Use everything that God gives us to the fullest because we will be given new mercies and compassions to live for that day. Remember the scripture **Psalm 23:1 *The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want (to lack, need, be lacking, decrease).*** Even in the Lord's prayer, he ask us to proclaim in Luke 11:3 ***Give us day by day our daily bread.*** Please remember, it is all about today. Read **2 Corinthians 6:2 *(For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.)*** Please trust God to give us what we need right now to live the life that He has called us to live. We don't have to wait for tomorrow. He has already given to us what we need to make the right choice. The question that Peter asked, people are yet asking today, what is my "little" amongst those that have a "great" need. With you it is nothing, it is little, but with God it is great, your little becomes a miracle in the hand of God. Let God use you and there will never be a lack in your life.

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