

# THE TRUE FREEDOM OF CHRIST

## TRANSFORMED INTO THE IMAGE OF CHRIST

Over the past several Wednesdays, we've been learning what it means to have the mind of Christ. There have been many scriptures and applications of what those scriptures mean to us as believers. We need to think like Jesus did, act like He did, love like He does and show humble obedience to our Father just like He did. Are you revealing Christ, His image in you, to those you meet?

Here is a very practical way to see this and how to live a life glorifying and worshiping God.

In an article entitled "The Art of Everyday Worship" which I recently read opens with: "A relatively short time ago, we didn't have an 'online life.' Tweeting was for birds, posts were for fences and text required ink. The advent of mobile devices brought a fundamental shift in the way we engage with the world. From the coffee shop to the subway, it isn't hard to find someone head-down with a cell phone."

Now the author makes a valid point: "We've been given so much to look at, but we are missing the art of beholding. We are so captivated by our technology and all that it puts before our eyes that we overlook the ways that God displays His glory through creation, relationships, and our ordinary circumstances in the day to day. We look for dramatic ways to experience God, but His presence and transforming work in our lives happen minute by minute." (Ruth Chou Simmons "Beholding and Becoming")

We become what we behold in our lives. The apostle Paul gives us this verse in 2 Corinthians 3:18:

"We all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit."

You are being transformed into His likeness by looking intently on who He is. From glory to glory. With one step at a time.

Paul David Tripp says this about centering our thoughts on the glory of God:

"Human beings by their very nature are worshipers. Worship is not something we do; it defines who we are.

You cannot divide human beings into those who worship and those who don't. Everybody worships; it's just a matter of what, or whom, we serve."

Yes, you were made to worship but who do you worship? What occupies your time and your thoughts? What do you see with your mind's eye throughout your days? Your job? Your relationships? Your treasures? It's how we direct eyes, minds, hearts and hands in our day to day moments that will determine who we will ultimately become. We were made to behold Him and

to be transformed into His image.

*From the Desk of Bro. Dan*

This is my invitation to you to be transformed, one *everyday moment* at a time.

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**Galatians 5:13** For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.

**2 Corinthians 3:17** Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

**2 Timothy 1:7** For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

**John 8:36** If the Son, therefore, shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.

**Romans 6:22** But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.

**Isaiah 61:1** The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound;

**1 Peter 2:16** As free, and not using your liberty for a cloke of maliciousness, but as the servants of God.

**Romans 6:18** Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.

**Luke 4:18** The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised

**James 1:25** And they asked him, and said unto him, Why baptizest thou then, if thou be not that Christ, nor Elias, neither that prophet?

**John 8:32** And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

**Galatians 5:1** Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.

**BIRTH FLOWERS:**  
*LARKSPUR* lightheartedness;  
*WATER LILY*-purity

# July

**BIRTHSTONE: RUBY**  
 Love, Passion, Courage



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1  Noon Prayer every Wednesday 7PM Zoom Study	2	3 'Independence Day' day off	4 Independence Day 
5 Breakfast @ Grinds 8:15 AM  10AM Study 11AM Worship	6	7  INTERNATIONAL CHOCOLATE DAY	8  7PM Zoom Study	9	10	11
12  10AM Study 11AM Worship	13	14	15  7PM Zoom Study	16	17  — WORLD EMOJI — — DAY — JULY-17	18
19 10AM Study 11AM Worship  <b>ICE CREAM</b>	20	21  HAPPY BIRTHDAY Brooklyn	22  7PM Zoom Study	23	24	25
26  10AM Study 11AM Worship	27	28	29  FULL BUCK MOON	30	31  NATIONAL AVOCADO DAY	



**"I pray that out of His glorious riches He may strengthen you with power through His Spirit in your inner being."**

**Respiratory:**

Ron Murphy - COPD  
Seth Karpenko - Asthma

**Diabetes:**

Joy Karpenko, Susan Haley,

**Neurological :**

Migraines: Kendra Cooke, Joy Karpenko,  
Dan Haley 3  
Patsy Cliff  
Chere Peters (crippling arthritis)  
Susan Haley neuropathy

**Mental Health:**

Jayden and Morgan Cooke  
Seth Karpenko  
Dean Manchester

**Special Health:**

Dan Haley 3 : Alport's Syndrome (hearing, kidneys, pancreas)  
Stephen Pratt: cancer with cont. treatments  
Joanne Kraemer: cancer and she is stable  
Gordie McKinley: home and doing better every day  
Victoria Murphy: Sciatica along with other health concerns  
Judy Hurst (Susan Haley's sister): memory care facility  
Jodi Corona: Alzheimer's; toes removed from her foot and future surgeries possible  
Gina (Carr) Stahl, wife of Charles Stahl: total paralysis on her left side, Waiting for Testing Results so treatment can improve. Pray fervently for those results to be realized.  
Mark Nicholson: Please continue to pray for strength and mobility.  
James Johnson: for more strength to return to his legs so that he can continue walking well. Thankfully, nothing keeps him down. as he trusts the Lord.  
Lisa Sperazza : heart problems  
Darcy Haley: serious illness - pray also for her 2 young children

**Loss of Loved Ones**

Jeff Payne: Jodi Corona and Christy Auberger's brother.  
Ken Engemann: Gail Engemann's son

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## DEVELOPING DEEPER FAITH AMIDST TRIALS

Shared by Jodi Corona

As a child with no teaching about God I remember one day sitting on the floor of my bedroom - cried out to a God I did not know yet He heard me and eased my pain.

I was amazed but did not understand until years later what I had actually done, knowing without a doubt that here was a God who knew me, intimately. He kept me safe through many heartaches & confusion.

One day my sister, Christy, invited me to church. What I didn't know was that she had also invited my brothers. We all arrived at the same time, coming into the building from doors on the opposite side of the lobby. This was the beginning of my journey with God. If the doors to the church were open, I was there. I learned so much about God, His Son and His Word. Yet I didn't feel that I truly knew God. I would pray, but the prayers felt empty.

Over the last few months I've been so sick to the point of not knowing who I was or what was happening. I started going to a new set of doctors. They are all Christians, even the nurses. You can feel God as you walk through the doors. They have prayed with me and for me.

Recently my son Jacob and I had to move because the rent went up an additional \$300.00 a month. We just could not afford it any longer. We had no place to go and considered living in a tent on a friend's property! It was a scary and uncertain time.

I again cried out to my God. Not only did He hear me but I could literally feel His calm come over me. He held me and assured me that all things would work out for my good. Even at the end of our rope, I had hope. God's presence was with me every moment of every one of those days. My anxiety was calmed. I had a peace that was unbelievable.

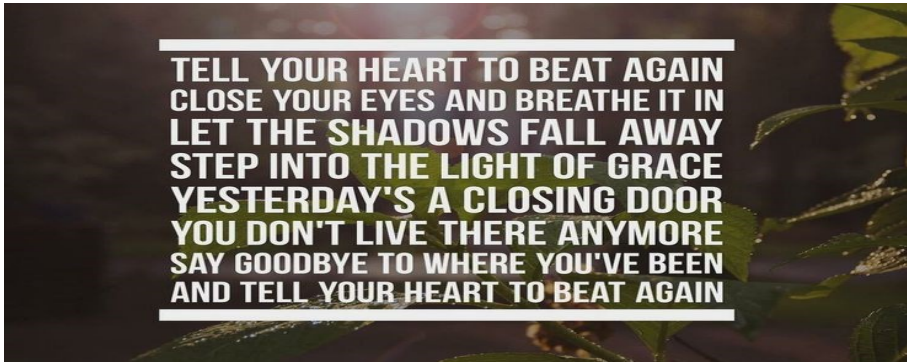
A friend called and told us about a house we should go see. We went that day and started moving 2 days later. And the best part - we found that the rent would be half of what we had been paying!

We now live in a little country home that's almost one hundred years old and has the most amazing landscape. There is one hundred acres of farm land surrounding us. Every morning I wake up amazed, grateful, humbled and honored that God takes care of the little things and eases the big things. I have a song in my heart and praises for God on my lips every moment of every day.

My prayers and conversations with God are heartfelt and honest. I never have to ask where God is. He is always in my heart and by my side.

I pray that others would find this connection with their Savior. In Jesus' name, amen.

...tell your heart to beat again...



**TELL YOUR HEART TO BEAT AGAIN  
CLOSE YOUR EYES AND BREATHE IT IN  
LET THE SHADOWS FALL AWAY  
STEP INTO THE LIGHT OF GRACE  
YESTERDAY'S A CLOSING DOOR  
YOU DON'T LIVE THERE ANYMORE  
SAY GOODBYE TO WHERE YOU'VE BEEN  
AND TELL YOUR HEART TO BEAT AGAIN**

By Danny Gokey

JULY 4TH

# FUN HOT DOG TRIVIA!



Competitors in the annual Nathan's Hot Dog Eating Contest on Coney Island have exactly 10 minutes to consume as many hot dogs and buns as possible. The contest, overseen by Major League Eating, prohibits utensils and condiments, while contestants face immediate disqualification if they regurgitate any food!!!



Coney Island hosts a famous hot dog-eating contest every year on July 4th.

It takes place at Nathan's Famous Corporation's original and best-known restaurant in Coney Island, New York City. But if you can't make it in person, you can still watch the televised event from home! Also, Joey Chestnut currently holds the title of hot dog-eating world champion after setting the new record at Nathan's. He ate a record-breaking 76 hot dogs and buns in the 2021 competition.

Americans consume a lot of hot dogs on July 4th. About 150 million, to be exact.

Yes, you read that right! According to the National Hot Dog and Sausage Council, Los Angeles residents alone consume about 30 million pounds of hot dogs on July 4th. It's safe to say they're a holiday favorite!



**MIKI SUDO**  
**51 HOT DOGS**  
**HIGHEST SCORE**

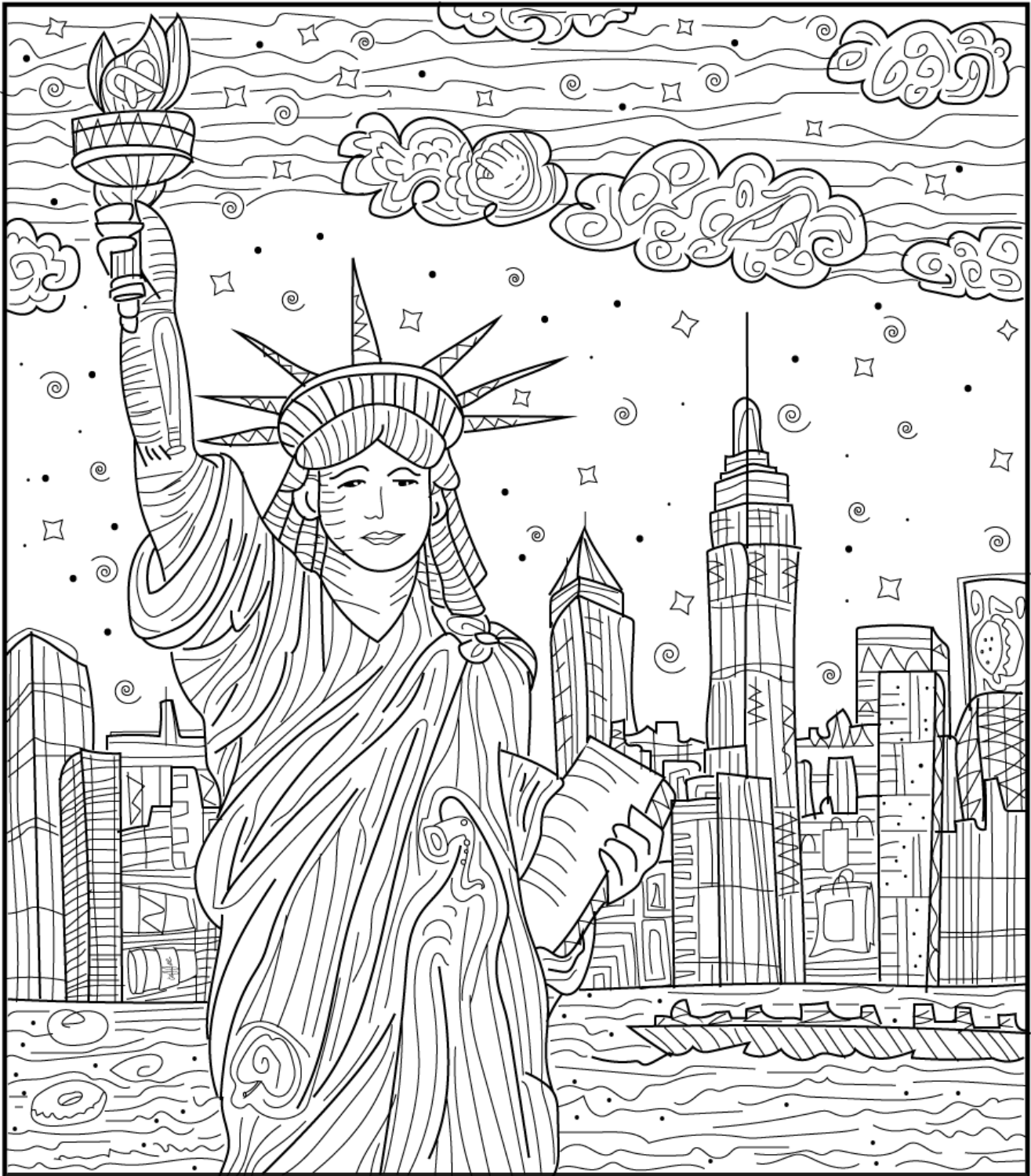


**JOEY CHESTNUT**  
**76 HOT DOGS**  
**WORLD CHAMPION**

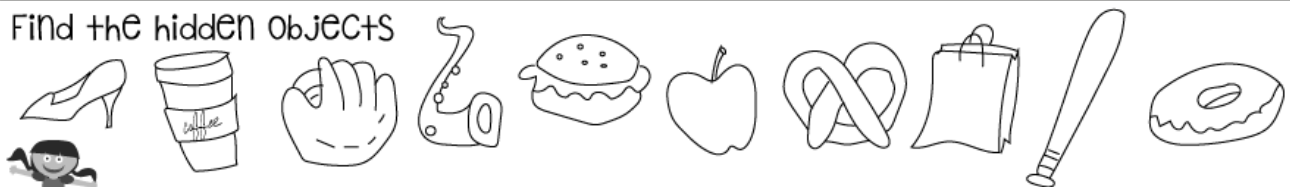
PS: THE TRADITIONAL JULY 4TH NEW ENGLAND FOOD THAT DATES BACK CENTURIES IS SALMON & PEAS!



# Summertime Hidden Objects Search



Find the hidden objects





This Independence Day, we're reaching out to say  
the best things in life **are FREE** . . .  
*Just like God's love for you.*