

A Walk-Through Museum Experience in Branson, MO
Memorializing America's Founding for Future Generations



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FREEDOM ENCOUNTER VISION

We will combine cinematic music, stunning visuals, special effects and interactive exhibits to create an experiential, walk-through museum telling the story of freedom through the quotes of the Founding Fathers and other voices of history. This fun, emotional and inspiring experience will educate the general public regarding the principles of freedom and America's founding documents- The Declaration of Independence and The Constitution of the United States.

GOALS

1. Educate Americans about our heritage of faith.
2. Educate Americans in Biblical principles of government.
3. Reignite the spirit of freedom and patriotism.
4. Point citizens to the Creator- mentioned 4 times in the Declaration of Independence.
5. Emphasize the truth that makes us free- personally and politically.

FREEDOM ENCOUNTER - AN EDUCATION CENTER

1. MUSEUM

We want to create a walk-through experience (similar to the Holocaust Museum in Washington D.C., or the Lincoln Museum in Springfield, IL). Guests will walk down a timeline of history, while the quotes of American patriots tell the story of tyranny, faith and freedom. The walk will close with a challenge to defend freedom in this generation.



2. THEATER

The theater will provide an opportunity to present changing content. Shows will vary from live music to live documentaries to holographic presentations to any combination thereof. This will also provide a venue for special guest speakers.



3. COLONIAL VILLAGE

The kid's play area will consist of a miniature indoor village from the Colonial era. Aimed at children 10 and under, this space will include a Liberty Tree, Benjamin Franklin's invention shop, a one-room schoolhouse, Betsy Ross's flag shop, a bakery, a rustic cabin and farm setting, etc. Children will be encouraged to create, learn and play in the midst of American facts and trivia. Parents may participate as well, or watch from the dining area overlooking the Colonial Village.



4. BOOK STORE

The book store will provide many resources for individuals, churches and homeschool families. Quote books, curricula, DVDs, and patriotic gifts and artwork will be available. The book store will serve as a critical part of our mission to educate the general public.



5. CLASSROOMS

We will host seminars, worldview weekends, and training sessions, truly making this an education center. Possible events would include "College Students Combating Socialism", "Pastors Participating in the Political Process", "Lectures by Prominent Americans", etc.



FREEDOM ENCOUNTER STRUCTURE

501(c)(3)

Freedom Encounter became incorporated as a 501(c)(3) in November of 2019. We are now recognized by the IRS as tax exempt. We are currently launching our fundraising campaign and plan to operate through a combination of donations and ticket sales.

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INTRODUCTION TO DARREN MYERS & FAMILY

DARREN MYERS

After receiving a Music Education and Bible degree in Springfield, MO, Darren Myers served as a Music & Youth Pastor for 15 years, then a Senior Pastor for 13 years. He currently lives near Branson, MO and has spent the last 5 years traveling, preaching and speaking on Biblical principles of government and America's heritage of faith. He travels with his wife Tammy and son Daniel.



PATRIOT DAY RALLIES

For 7 years, Darren led his church family to host Patriot Day Rallies in the city of Rolla, MO. The community responded favorably, with a high attendance of 5,000 people at the local park. The rallies provided an opportunity to reconnect the average citizen with the quotes of the Founding Fathers and the faith required for freedom. The event also provided an opportunity to honor military and law enforcement. Each rally consisted of music, food, inflatables, a bald eagle, petting zoos, a one-room schoolhouse, fife & drum corps, guest speakers, outdoor videos and fireworks.



FREEDOM FOCUS MINISTRY

In 2015, Darren and his family began an evangelistic ministry called Freedom Focus. They have travelled to 23 states presenting patriotic Multimedia Programs in churches, schools, colleges, camps and civic events. The mission of Freedom Focus is to "present truth and preserve freedom". Sessions include "The Founding Documents", "The Spiritual War for the Nations", "The Bible and Socialism" and "Our Call to Action".



FREEDOM JOURNEY SHOW

For the last 3 years, Darren and his family have produced a show in Branson, MO called Freedom Journey, performed at the **Americana Theatre**. This emotional, patriotic show uses live music and actors, videos and many quotes from the Founding Fathers to tell the inspiring story of freedom. From ancient tyrants to the Pilgrims to the Founding Documents to modern-day America, this show follows the thread of faith woven throughout the history of freedom. Throughout the program are stirring video testimonies from World War 2 veterans and immigrants who came to America for freedom. The show honors all military and law enforcement present.



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OVERVIEW OF FREEDOM ENCOUNTER MUSEUM



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FREEDOM IS BEING THREATENED

The founders, the founding principles, and the founding documents are being ignored or discredited in this generation. As a result, many do not know the truth regarding the history of the freest and most prosperous nation on earth.

"It's in the region of ignorance that tyranny begins."
-Benjamin Franklin



WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

America's greatest problem today is ignorance. America's greatest need has never been more obvious: education. Young families, college students, school children, and immigrants must learn about man's amazing struggle for freedom.

"Religion, morality, and knowledge being necessary to good government...education shall be forever encouraged."
-Northwest Ordinance Article III

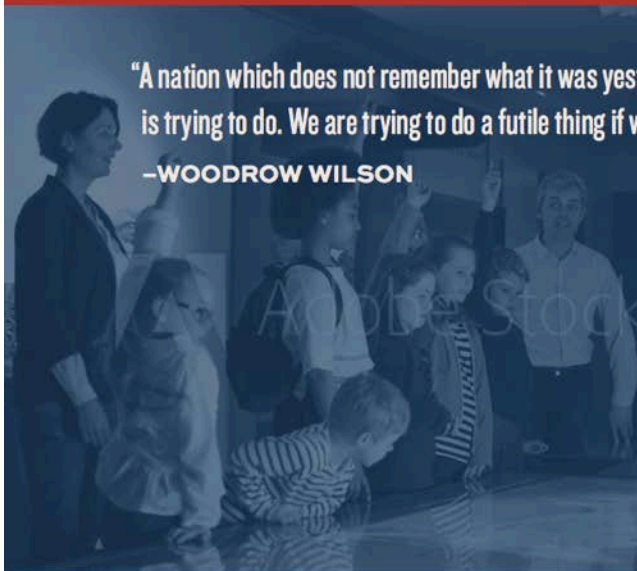
"A nation which does not remember what it was yesterday does not know what it is today, nor what it is trying to do. We are trying to do a futile thing if we do not know where we have come from..."

-WOODROW WILSON



FREEDOM ENCOUNTER

We want to construct an exciting walk-through experience to educate and inspire all ages. There will be 9 major areas along a path representing the timeline of history.



1

IT'S ALL ABOUT THE INDIVIDUAL

The journey begins by focusing on the value and dignity of the INDIVIDUAL. Freedom is not about states, kings and governments. It IS about individuals. Each of us is unique, gifted, and created in the image of God with a purpose and potential like no one else!



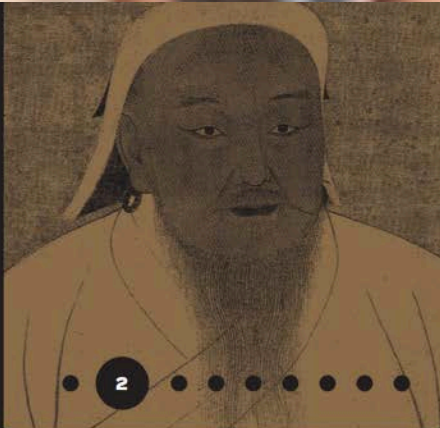
"All liberty is individual liberty...."

-CALVIN COOLIDGE

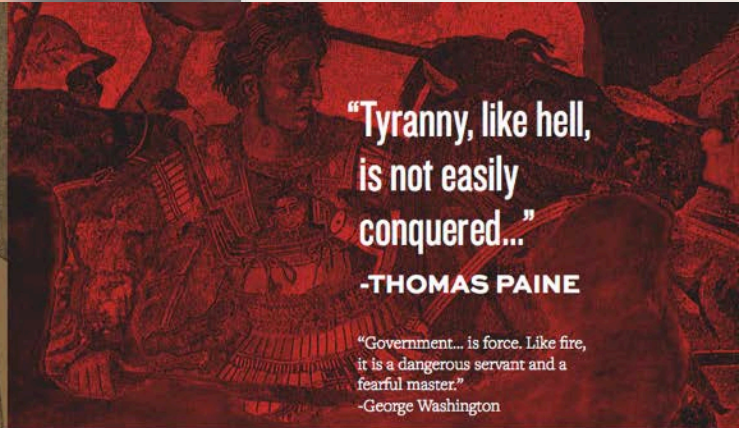
"Our Founding Fathers did not invent the priceless boon of individual freedom and respect for the dignity of men. That great gift to mankind sprang from the Creator and not from governments."

Herbert Hoover

"God who gave us life gave us liberty."
Thomas Jefferson



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"Tyranny, like hell, is not easily conquered..."

-THOMAS PAINE

"Government... is force. Like fire, it is a dangerous servant and a fearful master."

-George Washington

THE TRAGEDY OF TYRANNY

The greatest threat to freedom has always been man ruling over man. From the earliest days of civilization, there have been thousands of brutal power struggles to determine who will be in charge. A TYRANT is an absolute ruler, not bound by laws or a constitution. The most common form of government throughout history has been tyranny. Abusive monarchs rule with an iron fist, willing to crush anyone who gets in their way. And it's done in the name of government.

Appreciating FREEDOM is virtually impossible until you have considered it's alternative... TYRANNY.

"I have sworn upon the altar of God eternal hostility against every form of tyranny..."

-Thomas Jefferson

"A free-born people are not required by the religion of Jesus Christ to submit to tyranny..."

-Men of Marlborough Massachusetts

"Resistance to tyranny becomes the Christian and social duty of each individual... Nobly defend those rights which heaven gave, and no man ought to take from us."

-Congress of Massachusetts, Provincial 1774 Resolved

"Rebellion to tyrants is obedience to God."

-Benjamin Franklin, Proposed Seal of the United States, July, 1776

MAN'S LONGING FOR FREEDOM

Man has always desired to live free and pursue his dreams without the interference of the tyrant. This great struggle has endured for centuries. Sadly, war, slavery, torture and death camps have characterized the history of man. There have been many attempts to limit the power of government, with ultimately little success. However, the concept of freedom began to take hold through the centuries, leading up to 1776.

350 B.C.

"Politics" by Aristotle
Described a government of the people, and the need for virtue in the citizens.

500 A.D.

King Arthur's Court and the Knights of the Round Table
Displayed the concept of nobility having equal seats around the monarch's table.

1215 A.D.

The Magna Carta

The rule of law will limit the absolute power of the king and guarantee rights to his subjects.

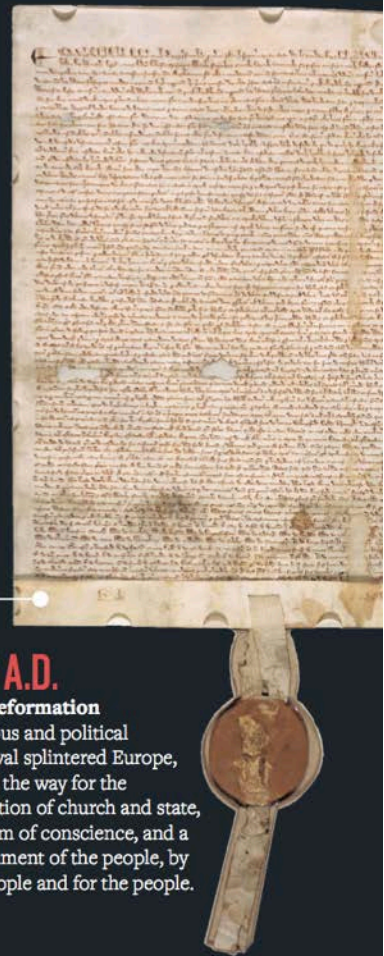
"No freeman shall be taken, or imprisoned, or outlawed, or exiled, or in any way Harmed...except by legal judgement of his peers or by the law of the land."

"The king himself ought not to be under a man but under God and under the law..."

1517 A.D.

The Reformation

Religious and political upheaval splintered Europe, paving the way for the separation of church and state, freedom of conscience, and a government of the people, by the people and for the people.



A FRESH START

Old world politics and brutal persecution drove the "pilgrims" across the Atlantic Ocean to start a new world. Their dream of a shining "city upon a hill" outweighed the risk and fear of the ravages of this new wilderness. They believed there had to be a better way to raise a family and make a living than under the iron fists of cruel and self-serving tyrants. They desired freedom and religious freedom most of all.

**"We shall be as a city upon a hill,
the eyes of all people are upon us."**

-JOHN WINTHROP, 1630

"Being... constrained to leave their native soil and country, their lands and livings, and all their friends... it was by many thought an adventure almost desperate... and a misery worse than death... But these things did not dismay them... they rested in His providence, and knew whom they had believed."

-Governor William Bradford, 1607

"So being ready to depart, they had a day of solemn humiliation... The rest of the time was spent in powering out prayers to the Lord with great fervency, mixed with abundance of tears."

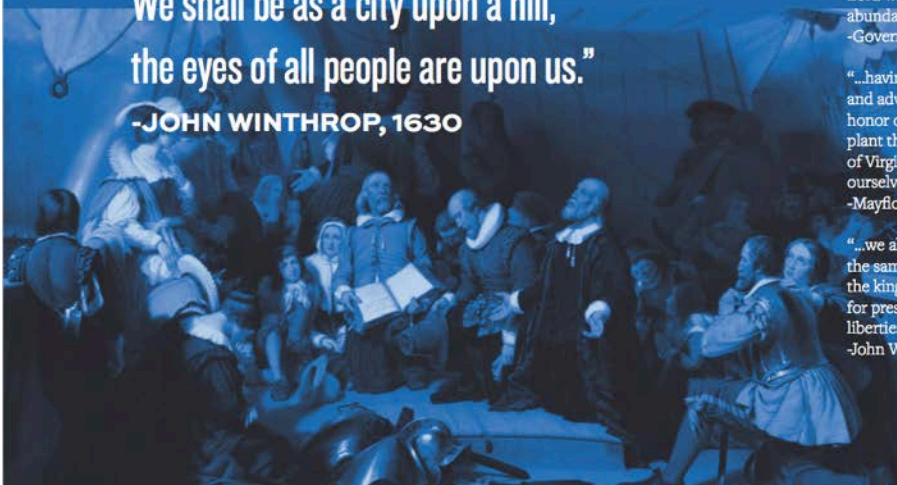
-Governor William Bradford, 1620

"...having undertaken, for the glory of God, and advancement of the Christian faith, and honor of our king & country, a voyage to plant the first colony in the Northern parts of Virginia, do... covenant & combine ourselves together into a civil body politic..."

-Mayflower Compact, 1620

"...we all came to these parts of America with the same end and aim, namely, to advance the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ... and for preserving and propagating the truth and liberties of the gospel."

-John Winthrop, 1643



THE FOUNDING

The pilgrim's descendants would go on to establish a form of government that would guarantee personal freedom, literally changing the world. In a short time, the face of the globe would change from a world of monarchs to a world of constitutions modeled after what these men did.

THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

Major Thought: We will acknowledge the Creator above all earthly kings. Our first document as a nation is critical. It tells us the WHY of government.

1. Our rights to live and pursue our dreams come from the Creator, not the king, the congress, the court or the majority.
2. Governments are only formed to protect our God-given rights.
3. Rulers should not rule without the consent of the governed. These ideas were profound and revolutionary!

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal. That they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness..."

-DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

"The signers of the Declaration of Independence were brave men. They were great men too... It does not often happen to a nation to raise, at one time, such a number of truly great men... They were statesmen, patriots, and heroes... They seized upon eternal principles, and set a glorious example in their defense. Mark them!"

-Frederick Douglass, 1852

"We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America."

-Constitution of the United States

"Miracles do not cluster, and what has happened once in 6,000 years, may not happen again. Hold on to the Constitution, for if the American Constitution should fail, there will be anarchy throughout the world."

-Daniel Webster

"The fundamental basis of our Bill of Rights comes from the teachings we get from Exodus and St. Matthew, from Isaiah and St. Paul. I don't think we emphasize that enough these days. If we don't have a proper fundamental moral background, we will finally end up with a totalitarian government which does not believe in rights for anybody except the state."

-Harry S. Truman, 1950

THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES

Major Thought: We will have no tyrant!

James Madison understood the challenge of "limiting government" and set about to help author a document that would give the power to the people, not to the king. How was this accomplished? The Constitution tells us the HOW of government. 1. The people will vote for their leaders and the terms of office would be short. (2, 4 or 6 years) 2. There would be an elaborate system of "checks and balances" between 3 branches of government. 3. The States and the people would retain all powers not given to the Federal government.

THE BILL OF RIGHTS

Major Thought: We will protect the individual from big government. George Mason and others understood that government needs to be powerful, but not all-powerful. They understood the danger of government growing bigger and bigger over time and becoming more intrusive. So, in 1791, they adopted the first 10 amendments, which are called The Bill of Rights. Every one of these amendments protect the average citizen from the encroachment of a potentially overbearing government. The founders believed that the individual was not created to serve the state, but that the state was created to serve the individual.

*The FAITH & FREEDOM CHAPEL will be a centerpiece of the Museum. This exhibit, built to resemble a colonial church, will display quotes from many of the founders regarding faith, prayer, the Bible, Jesus Christ, and virtue which were so important to America's founding. With headphones, visitors will also be able to hear excerpts of actual sermons that were preached during the Revolutionary War era.

THE BLESSINGS OF FREEDOM

Human potential was unleashed like never before in world history as a result of the founding documents and the ideals they embodied. Man, now protected in his pursuit of life, liberty and happiness, was free to explore, create, invent, and follow his dreams. Soon, America prospered like no other nation. Happily, the entire world benefited. The light of liberty shone across the globe and many were drawn to that light! America became a beacon of political, economic and religious freedom.

"What is more necessary to make us a happy and prosperous people? A wise and frugal government, which shall restrain men from injuring one another, shall leave them otherwise free to regulate their own pursuits of industry and improvement, and shall not take from the mouth of labor the bread it has earned."

-Thomas Jefferson

Prosperity enabled us to give. America continues to lead the world in charitable giving:
\$390 Billion in 2016

A FEW AMERICAN INVENTIONS:

1742 Franklin Stove	1886 Coca-Cola
1752 Lightning Rod	1893 Motion Pictures
1793 Cotton Gin	1902 Air Conditioning
1801 Fire Hydrant	1903 Airplane
1805 Refrigeration	1904 AC Power Outlets
1813 Circular Saw	1916 Supermarket
1830 Vulcanized Rubber	1919 Pop-Up Toaster
1832 Morse Code	1923 Bulldozer
1834 Combine Harvester	1923 Television
1835 Revolver	1929 Freon
1837 Telegraph	1935 Richter Scale
1843 Rotary Printing Press	1937 Digital Computer
1852 Passenger Elevator	1938 Fiberglass
1857 Toilet Paper	1945 Microwave Oven
1859 Oil Well	1947 Supersonic Aircraft
1867 Typewriter	1952 Artificial Heart
1869 Plastics	1953 Measles Vaccine
1870 Electric Incandescent Lamp	1957 Laser
1876 Telephone	1965 Minicomputer
1885 Photographic Film	1971 Personal Computer
1885 Skyscraper	1981 Space Shuttle



THE ENEMIES OF FREEDOM

Pursuing freedom has always been a spiritual struggle, and there are many throughout history who have been on the wrong side of this struggle. It is in man's nature to steal, kill and destroy. From Nimrod to Pharaoh to Nero to Attila the Hun, there have always been the power hungry dictators who willingly destroyed individual freedom to benefit themselves. Today's reality is that the enemies of freedom are the enemies of America. If there is a flag being burnt on the evening news, it's probably America's.

"...organize the intellectuals and use them to make Western civilization stink. Only then, after they have corrupted all its values and made life impossible, can we impose the dictatorship..."
-Willi Munzenberg

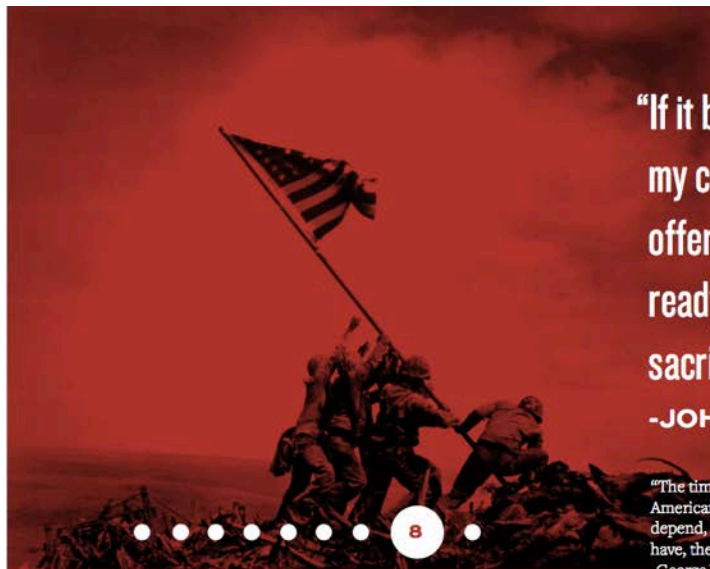
"We're going to destroy the West by destroying it's culture."
-Antonio Gramsci

"Death to America."
-Ayatollah Khomeini

"My object in life is to dethrone God and destroy capitalism."

-KARL MARX

"I have witnessed on the ground in 20 nations the workings of the philosophy of that anti-Christ, Karl Marx... Today the Socialist virus and poison gas generated by Karl Marx and Friedreich Engels have spread into every nation on the earth... Their dogma... defies truth and religious faith. Their poisons are of many sorts. The preservation of the safeguards of liberty makes it imperative that we give heed to their every variety... A nation... thrives or perishes upon what it believes to be true. If our youth is rightly instructed in the faith of our fathers; in the traditions of our country; in the dignity of each individual man, then our power will be stronger than any weapon of destruction that man can devise... As to this whole gamut of Socialist infections, I say to you... God has blessed us with another wonderful word—heritage. The great documents of that heritage are not from Karl Marx. They are from the Bible, the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States. Within them alone can the safeguards of freedom survive..."
-Herbert Hoover, 1954



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THE COST OF FREEDOM

Freedom isn't free. Tyranny never says, "I have too much power. I'll give it back to the people." From the Revolutionary war to this present day, freedom has been wrestled from the tyrant by the blood and sacrifice of courageous patriots. These brave souls deserve honor, for without them there would be no individual freedom.

"If it be the pleasure of Heaven that my country shall require the poor offering of my life, the victim shall be ready, at the appointed hour of sacrifice, come when that hour may."

-JOHN ADAMS

"The time is now near at hand, which must determine whether Americans are to be free men... The fate of unborn millions will now depend, under God, on the courage and conduct of this army... We have, therefore, to resolve to conquer, or to die."

-George Washington

"For, under God, we are determined that wheresoever, whensoever, or howsoever we shall be called to make our exit, we will die free men."

-Josiah Quincy

"If we wish to be free -- we must fight! I repeat it, sir, we must fight! An appeal to arms and to the God of Hosts is all that is left us!... I know not what course others may take; but as for me, give me liberty, or give me death!"

-Patrick Henry

"Let every nation know... that we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe to assure the survival and the success of liberty."

-John F. Kennedy

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THE FUTURE OF FREEDOM

Freedom lovers have always thought about future generations more than their own. In fact, many were willing to die for a freedom they would never enjoy. Today's generation is greatly indebted to these brave patriots. The baton of freedom has been handed down to us. May this not be the generation who lets it slip, but passes it on with courage, faith and diligence.



"Posterity - you will never know how much it has cost my generation to preserve your freedom. I hope you make good use of it."

-John Quincy Adams

"I offer my sincere prayers to the Supreme Ruler of the Universe, that He may long preserve our country in freedom and prosperity."

-Thomas Jefferson

"The rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness which seemed to the Founders...inalienable, were, to Hitler and his fellows, empty words... This proposed return to tyranny... is nothing more nor less than an attempt to overthrow and cancel out the great upsurge of human liberty of which the American Bill of Rights is the fundamental document... It is an attempt which could succeed only if those who have inherited the gift of liberty had lost the manhood to preserve it."

-Franklin Delanor Roosevelt

"Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same."

-Ronald Reagan

**"Fun, educational and inspiring. America needs more events like this!
Darren Myers pulled off a well-organized evening that celebrated what
makes this nation great!"**

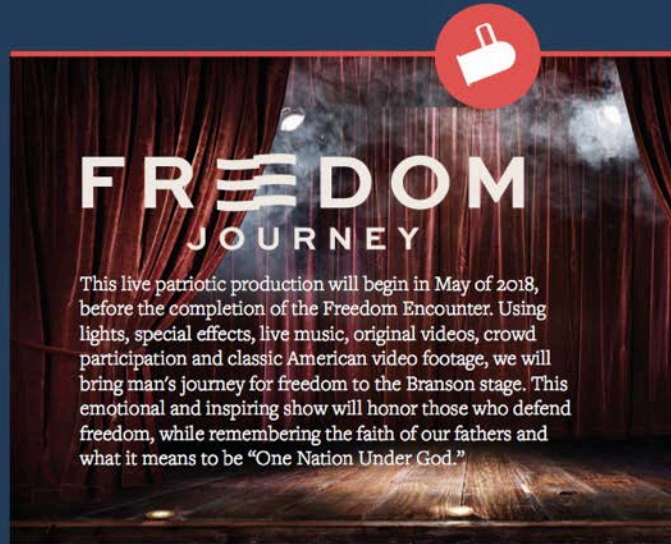
-JIM BOB DUGGAR, FATHER OF 19 KIDS & COUNTING

"Very well attended with several thousand people from the community responding. These patriot days that Darren Myers produces are first class, home spun, and enjoyed by all! I highly recommend him and this program to you."
-Chuck Harding, Awake America, Clinton, MD

"This program is important in that it gives the correct historical facts and perspective, truly a patriotic event, and ties our country's founding and greatness to an unwavering faith and belief in God."
-Dan Brown, Missouri State Senator

"This was one of the best events I have been involved in. I am pleased to endorse Darren in his effort to share these values and take this event across the nation."
-COL Jim Coy (Ret), 3rd Special Forces Group (A)
Persian Gulf War

"An absolutely inspiring event. A mix of old-time Americana with the hope of a promising future. Darren Myers highlights the best and greatest in America!"
-Bill Federer, Author & Speaker, Host of
"The American Minute"



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