

RANSOMED HEART

LOVE GOD. LIVE FREE.

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Dear Friends,

Stasi and I were up in Spokane visiting our son last week; he wanted to show us some of his favorite places. We were on a hike down by the Little Spokane river when with a smile and a twinkle in his eye he said, “Now I want to show you a secret little waterfall.” Cutting through a meadow, ducking behind some bushes, he brought us into a tiny glade where mint and wildflowers grew, and a delicate little cascade was rushing down the rocks into a sparkling pool. It was enchanting, and renewing, and so...life-giving. Big smile on his face as we all enjoyed his discovery.

Don't you love doing that – sharing something wonderful you have discovered? Especially if it is beautiful, and life-giving? I love showing people some of my secret places, or turning them on to new worship, or a great book, or a movie we love, or one of our favorite lakes. Sharing life is such a joy, and I love watching the expression on their faces when they experience the joy, too.

It reminds me of this scene from the gospel of John...

The next day John was back at his post with two disciples, who were watching. He looked up, saw Jesus walking nearby, and said, “Here he is, God's Passover Lamb.” The two disciples heard him and went after Jesus. Jesus looked over his shoulder and said to them, “What are you after?” They said, “Rabbi” (which means “Teacher”), “where are you staying?” He replied, “Come along and see for yourself.” They came, saw where he was living, and ended up staying with him for the day. It was late afternoon when this happened. Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard John's witness and followed Jesus. The first thing he did after finding where Jesus lived was find his own brother, Simon, telling him, “We've found the Messiah” (that is, “Christ”). He immediately led him to Jesus. (1:36-42 The Message)

I love it! I love Andrew's excitement: “You gotta see this!”

You receive this letter because you've been touched by a part of what we are doing – a retreat, our resources and website community, our Allies Network. Oh friends – I feel like Andrew, or Blaine taking us to a secret waterfall. “You have to see this!” There's such life and joy in it.

Over and over again I meet dear folks out there who love God but have never heard his voice; believe in Jesus but have never experienced him healing their heart; study the scriptures but have never learned to break the enemy's dark cloud off of their soul. Freedom evades them; life eludes them; intimacy and the joys of the kingdom are not part of their experience. It's just so sad, because it is *available*.

And so I have something to ask of you; I am asking from the earnestness of my heart:

Would you show people the riches you have found at Ransomed Heart? I know many of you love our podcasts (the last few weeks have been incredible episodes, by the way!). Would you pass along the joy? I know many of you love these letters, even keep them in a file because they speak so deeply to you. Would you pass a favorite letter along, or make copies for a few friends and say, “You really ought to get this!” A number of you have recently discovered *And Sons* our new online magazine for men – it is *so* cool, and now our adventure films are being offered there. Free. Tell your friends!

I’m just kind of baffled and a little brokenhearted that more people don’t know about this secret waterfall – because when they do, man alive, it opens a whole new life in God for them! They flip! They love it! There are never the same. They just didn’t know. They are like Peter, sitting in the Old Covenant until Andrew bursts in the house one afternoon and says, “You have GOT to come see what we found!”

Maybe you thought we already have such marvelous outreach we don’t really need any help. But we *do*. You’d be surprised at the relatively small number of folks that get this letter, or listen to our podcasts, or know about the Ransomed Heart app. A survey showed us that something like 90% of people who love my books have never heard of Ransomed Heart. The enemy is working overtime to keep this veiled, because it destroys his plans in people’s lives. It brings life, love, joy, *JESUS!*

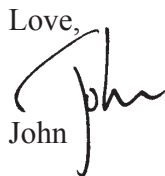
Here are a few simple things you can do:

- “Like” us on Facebook; and as you enjoy something we offer, share a link to one of our blogs, podcasts, or *And Sons Magazine*.
- Subscribe to our Daily Reading emails (if you haven’t) and when you receive one you love, forward it on to friends and suggest they subscribe as well.
- Share the link to our new adventure films at AndSonsMagazine.com on Facebook and via email.

The revolutions that comprised the “Arab spring” were fueled by social networking, passionate followers texting and Facebooking others. And friends, we have something so much more amazing here – we have the riches of the *kingdom!* Let’s invite others to taste and see just how very, very good God is.

And think of the joy when they come back to you and say, “O my goodness – it is LIFE! Thank you!”

Indeed. Thank you!

Love,

John