

Good Morning and Welcome to Freedom Friday,

### Rising Thought:



On this Friday, because of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, we are free **indeed!** Let's focus for a minute on the word **indeed**. **Indeed** originates from the phrase "in dede" meaning "in fact, in truth." When the word **indeed** is used, one is underscoring or emphasizing that something is true. **Indeed**, confirms what has already been suggested. In this case, our freedom; we are not just *free*, we are **REALLY, REALLY, REALLY FREE! We are Free INDEED!**

We are **free** to be who and what God has called us to be; and to be our authentic selves. In the words of former First Lady *Michelle Obama*, "**we are free to own our unique story, and to continue "Becoming."** In the words of Lady Crisette Ellis, we are **free** to walk in "**Godfidence.**" Let's walk in our **INDEED FREEDOM**, and **Shine** the marvelous Light of our Lord today.

**Please find attached Reflection #21**



Pray for me, as I pray for you

## *Thirty Day Journey*

### **Day 21**

#### ***Verse of the Day:***

“I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you.” (Psalm 32:8 NIV)

#### ***Reflection:***

There are two trains of thought regarding who is speaking in Psalm 32:8. Some believe that the Psalmist David is still speaking and referring to his own experience as qualifying him to give counsel to others. He himself learned by painful experiences and is now fitted to give instruction to others. Other interpreters see the speaker as God Himself, and as saying that He would be the guide and personal instructor to those who have submitted to Him.

When I personally reflect upon the scripture, I like to see it as God Himself, speaking directly to me. Assuring me that He will instruct me and teach me in the direction that I should walk in my Spiritual Journey. And that He Himself, will be my counselor, with His Loving Eye upon me every step of the way. Even in my mess-ups, His Loving and forgiving eyes are upon me; directing and guiding me.

As you reflect, what do you see? Through-out this 30-Day Journey, have you sensed that God has been directing, guiding, and teaching you? Can you see His loving eyes upon you, even right now? As you go through your day, know that God is your teacher, guide, and counselor.

#### ***Prayer:***

Father, as you watch over us today, with your eyes of love upon us, we ask that you teach us your ways. Be our counselor in all the things that concern us; give us wisdom, knowledge, and understanding. But most importantly Lord, help us to embrace appropriation; the ability to take to ourselves, Your Word, Your Guidance, Your Direction, and Your Counsel and apply it to our personal lives. Help us to apply all that you teach us, today and forever more. In the Powerful Name of Jesus, Amen!

