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“ Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness”

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John 10:10

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John 10:10 – “The thief doth not come, except that he may steal, and kill, and destroy; I came that they may have life, and may have it abundantly.”

The Declaration of the Independence begins with a statement of faith: “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.”

The ideas of Life, liberty and the freedom to pursue that which brings one happiness are the founding principle upon which our country was built. Let us look at those three things through the lens of Scripture.

Life:

- Origins
- Purpose
- Quality
- Value
- Length

Liberty:

- Choice

- Autonomy

- Responsibility

- Accountability

Pursuit of Happiness:

- Focus

- Pursuing

- Attaining

Life is a gift of God. We have very little control over how long it will last...but He has given us limited freedom in how we live it. We can chase “things” that promise to bring happiness and fulfillment – and never seem to – and spend our lives running after the wind...or we can submit our lives to God and pursue those things that will bring His joy to our lives...those things that truly fulfill...in this life and for eternity...