Set Free Devotional #1
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Monday, March 16 (Genesis 14:20) "Blessed by Abram by God Most High, creator of heaven and earth, and blessed be God Most High for handing over your enemies to you." And Abram gave him a tithe of everything.

You could hear the emotion, you could feel the electricity in the air! Abram's nephew had been taken prisoner by an invading army. At best the nephew would be sold into slavery and at worst he would be tortured for entertainment and murdered. But either way he would be lost to his family.

Abram, patriarch of the family, was a man of action. This was intolerable and Abram would do what needed to be done. "Sound the alarm! Call all the male servants and men of the family! Pass out the spears and shields! My nephew is in danger and we are going to go get him back!"

So Abram went to war against and army with his armed servants and family. Suicide? Going against and army with camel herders and camp servants? But it was the right thing to do and that is all Abram needed to know.

Abram went and fought and won. The nephew was saved and returned whole to the family! But Abram knew he had not done it on his own. It was right to do and it was God who had given the victory! So Abram found the priest of God and gave offerings to God for the grace, mercy and victory experienced.

How many times has God seen us through a tough spot? How much of the victories we've known came only because of His grace? How little can we honestly take credit for?

Do we thank and praise God? Of course we do! But our thanks should be expressed with more than words, actions are needed. Like Abram we should give thanksgiving offerings back to God because what would we really have without Him?

Prayer Suggestion:

"Our Father, we know that you are merciful and gracious. We know that all good things come from you. Please accept our humble gifts as thanks for all you have done for us. Our souls and all we are or have is yours. May all be used for your glory and praise. Amen."