

## Daily Devotion For February 12, 2022

"For freedom Christ has set you free, standfast therefore and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery." Galatians 5:1

It was 213 years ago today that Abraham Lincoln was born in a log cabin in Kentucky. An American hero and for some, the greatest president that ever lived. Throughout our nation's history, there many been many great and godly leaders, but on this day, it is important to remember the faith that Lincoln had as he trusted in Jesus Christ as his savior and Lord.

God raised up Abraham Lincoln for the greatest crisis in American history. His integrity and leadership, and most importantly, his faith and time on his knees before God, preserved the union and helped the nation rid itself of the horrible institution of slavery.

Mrs. Lincoln stated that the battle of Gettysburg had a profound effect upon her husband, as he saw the graves of thousands of soldiers. One historian wrote that it was there that President Lincoln made a deeper commitment to Jesus Christ.

Schuyler Colfax, who later became Vice President of the United States, said that Lincoln would often get up as early as 4 a.m. in order that he might have time to read his Bible and pray before visitors would begin to arrive at the White House. On one occasion, Lincoln said: "That the Almighty does make use of human agencies, and directly intervenes in human affairs, is one of the plainest statements of the Bible. I have had so many evidences of His direction, so many instances when I have been controlled by some other power than my own, that I cannot doubt that this power comes from above."

On April 14, 1865, just five days after the Civil War had ended, Abraham Lincoln went to Ford's Theatre with his wife, Mary Todd Lincoln. She recalled his last words as they sat there: "He said he wanted to visit the Holy Land and see those places hallowed by the footprints of the Saviour. He was saying there was no city he so much desired to see as Jerusalem. And with the words half spoken on his tongue, the bullet of the assassin entered the brain, and the soul of the great and good President was carried by the angels to the New Jerusalem above."

**Thought For Today:** What legacy will you leave for your family and friends? Will it be of your faith and trust in Jesus Christ? Do you begin your day with a time to read the bible and pray?

**Today's Prayer Focus:** Thank God that we have been set free from the bondage of sin and death through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. Deo Volente.