



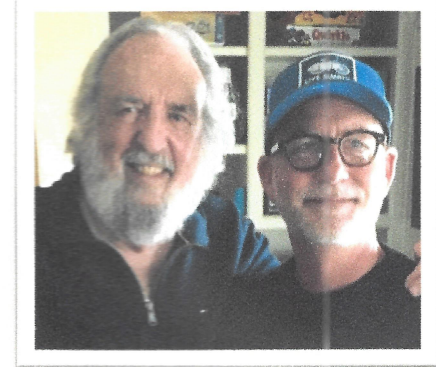
Free at Last!

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I was thinking that even if it is the month of February we are still free to say **Happy New Year** to you and your family. It may be hard to believe, but we still haven't put away our Christmas decorations! Let me share with you two wonderful ministries we were involved in last month.

Free at Last in Houston, TX (Jan 10-14): Our delightful godson, Andrew Martin, and his wife Rachel invited me and a fellow pastor (and former disciple) named Mark Campbell from *Neighborhood Church* in Castro Valley, CA to speak on the topic of **Discipleship** at their church called *Sojourn Heights*. Andrew is a businessman but also works with the church as the Administrator several hours each week. We used as our foundation the words of Jesus to His disciples, often referred to as "The Great Commission": **All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age** (Matt 28:16-20, NASB). Andrew wanted us to share our stories about the men and women we have had the privilege to disciple over the years.

We met with the elders, then the staff and then with the first group of disciples, including their wives, during our four-day visit. Both Mark and I loved being with Andrew and Rachel and their baby girl Eden, as well as the many fine Christians attending their church. We were encouraged by their desire to grow in their relationship with Jesus.



Free at Last in Aptos, CA (Jan 20): Pastor Mark Campbell invited me to share with a group of some 23 men at a recent retreat. The topic was the value and importance of understanding The Great Commission—that it was, and still is, addressed to *all* members of the Church. These men were disciplined by Mark and his staff and are now being sent out to begin seven new disciple groups this month. Fifty-three men have already signed up to be disciplined. An awesome experience!

Thank you once again for your prayers and support as we head into our 18th year of ministry. Please pray for new opportunities for ministry to open up in this new year. Blessings, and please keep in touch.

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