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As a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ, what do you tell the world about your own life? Do you show the world the flag of your risen Saviour? Do you show to the world the Overcomer who dwells within you? Do you proclaim that the island of your stubborn heart was conquered by Jesus Christ? This flag is unfurled in the circumcised heart (*Phil. 3:3*) of one who has been liberated by the living God. “Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are His. And, let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity” (*2 Tim. 2:19*).

Does the world see your transformed life—you whose soul has been set free? Do people see the flag of your victorious Lord or do they see the same old flag that the rest of the world flies?

“Dear Father, I pray that I will not be ashamed to fly Your flag in my daily walk with You. May I have strength and courage to tell this dying world that there is a Liberator just standing at the beachhead waiting to set them free. Father, help me to show the world that the territory of my heart has been overcome and conquered by the Lord Jesus Christ!”

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