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## A Gift Of Freedom

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### Complimentary Story

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The world was told by the Biden Department of Justice and the media that I was the Commander of the Oath Keepers militia and the mastermind of a plan to attack the Capitol and overthrow the government. They piled phony accusations on top of phony accusations against me — a disabled veteran and retired Navy officer living quietly on my generational family farm in Virginia.

All of these charges were totally false. As would be every new charge invented by the government.

And the DOJ and FBI, even as they attacked our farm in the frosty January darkness with armored vehicles and armored thugs, knew they were false. But they didn't care.

That should be chilling to every American.

My name is Thomas Caldwell and I am a Christian. I am also a retired Navy Lieutenant Commander who served our nation for nearly two decades in the Intelligence Community. My wife, Sharon, and I spent years running a successful software company serving federal agencies ranging from the Department of Housing and Urban Development to the U.S. Coast Guard. We were living peacefully on our small family farm in Virginia's Shenandoah Valley when freedom was snatched from us. Freedom. That and so much more.

I watched helplessly that morning, chained hand and foot, as the bumbling FBI nearly murdered my wife on our front porch. What followed was my arrest for crimes I never committed, solitary confinement in an icy dungeon, horrific tortures and a nearly 5-year battle through a perverted legal system determined to crush everything Sharon and I had built in our lives together.

Physically broken, I was temporarily released to a cage without bars. Confined to our property with an ankle monitor, always watched, forbidden by "the court" to have normal contact with friends, family and, in fact, the outside world. No access to a cell phone, the internet, social media or a computer. Deprived of the freedom of movement, forced to beg permission well in advance from haughty prosecutors and a fickle judge for attendance even at Church services. Freedom to attend weddings, birthdays, anniversaries, seasonal celebrations, visits to nursing homes and hospitals, even funerals denied. Family and relationships lost.

Silenced. "Don't you dare speak in public, filthy insurrectionist!" And when I did, it was food for the ravenous lawfare machine which quashed, manipulated and lied about my faith-filled words. Fodder for the cannons of hatred. "Guilty" — and no one would listen to the truth of my innocence.

Life, liberty, happiness, freedom to worship and freedom of speech all denied. Aren't they, along with truth, the foundations of America itself?

Could this happen in our country? It did. I'm just one person to tell you about it.

Whether on a cold prison floor, in a terrible 10-week long secretive and rigged trial or suffering on the edge of life imprisonment for years, the tougher the situation, the more God revealed Himself and His love to my wife Sharon and me. When there was no hope,



we found hope in fervent prayer and in the study of His Word, the Holy Bible. In the darkest and most frightening parts of my life and maybe only in those times, I was the most receptive to Him.

While America has no idea of the carnage wrought by our own government, I wondered if people still read books.

I wrote ***“The Mouths of the Wicked: A True January 6 Story of Corruption, Persecution, Survival and Victory,”*** over the years of torment as events unfolded — not as a retrospective in the warm light of the victory God would provide. I wanted to share with my fellow citizens my real-world Christian adventure story filled with tragedy, anxiety, miracles, and victory. I wrote it as a friend, your friend, speaking frankly — a testament of faith over fear.

My wife and I learned that you can work hard, treat others as you wish to be treated, play by the rules, pay your taxes, say your prayers and still be targeted by those with unchecked power operating under the cloak of “absolute immunity.” That Supreme Court-upheld notion that government lawyers and judges, regardless of how corrupt they may be, can lie, break the law, violate constitutional, civil and human rights all completely free of confoundment or consequence.

Long before President Trump’s blessed pardons for most (but not all) J6ers, I was acquitted of three conspiracy felonies at trial and the Supreme Court threw out another false charge against me.

This past Christmas, at home on our windswept farm, Sharon and I spoke reverently of God’s strength and provision within the storm. All glory belongs to He who delivered us against all odds. Loosed from oppression and threats, the season was one of peace, praise, and reflection.

While health and reputation and fortune are forever lost to the crumbling fantasy version of January 6, for my wife and me and for hundreds of falsely charged and overcharged citizens, a most wonderful gift this Christmas was that of freedom. No longer a “right,” if a despotic government can snatch it away as it has and will again.

Freedom in our land is what it has always been: a precious gift from God. I am thankful, Father.

***“The Mouths of the Wicked: A True January 6 Story of Corruption, Persecution, Survival and Victory,”*** by Thomas E. Caldwell is available now from PuffinPublishers.com and BookBaby.com in print and ePub versions.

**EDITOR’S NOTE: Thomas and Sharon Caldwell will be the featured guests on WCN TV on Tuesday, February 24 at 5:00 pm CENTRAL time. Tune in at: [WCNTV.net](http://WCNTV.net) or on the WCN TV page at [Rumble.com](https://www.rumble.com)**

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