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# A Chinese Dream through Jesus

To the Honorable Chairman Chris Smith, and to the Honorable Members of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, thank you for holding this hearing. Chairman Smith, thank you for your tireless effort in upholding the human rights of all people in China and in the world! I am deeply honored to be given the opportunity to share about the China Dream we stood for 25 years ago on Tiananmen Square. I am also here to share my hope for a renewed China Dream that will protect vulnerable women and girls in China and advance the fundamental freedoms of religion and speech. I am delighted to testify alongside my partners from Tiananmen, who we share hopes for a new China and a deep appreciation for the United States, the land of freedom. Summary of contents: I will be testifying on the following three points:

- 1. What kind of freedom did we want for China 25 years ago at Tiananmen?
- 2. What is our hope for this freedom today?
- 3. How can the China Dream be achieved?

## What kind of freedom did we want for China 25 years ago at Tiananmen?

Approaching the anniversary, many reporters have asked me what freedoms were we fighting for in China 25 years ago, and what we are asking for today. I tell them that it was for freedom from fear, freedom from injustice, freedom from lies and deceit, freedom from wrongful imprisonment and false accusations. We wanted the leaders of our country to be held accountable and an end to corruption and democratic openness.

Let me use three stories to illustrate the life of the poor and the powerless in China.



# Case I:

Liu Jinfeng<sup>†</sup>, a woman from the city of Yuncheng in Shanxi province, was only 20 years old when she was executed in 1995. Jinfeng was abused by her father as a child and was driven out of her house when her mother died. She was taken in by families but suffered regular sexual abuse. She was made to be pregnant and had to go through abortion. Jinfeng was later arrested for prostitution and was put in jail for one year. When the prison term was over, she was sent back to her hometown, but her step-father sold her for \$130. She was resold to Hu, a local bully, who constantly beat and abused her. She attempted to escape but was recaptured and beaten even more severely. Hu broke her right leg and thereafter chained her to his bed. When Hu went out of town, his two cousins raped her and caused her to give birth to a boy. After Hu returned home, he hung Jinfeng to a tree and viciously whipped her, even using a knife to stab her thighs and lower body while calling her an "adulterer". Jinfeng was tortured until she was half dead. When she regained her consciousness, she found her entire body covered in blood, and, even worse, mutilated. The pain was unbearable. Moreover, she discovered that her son had already been strangled to death by Hu. Driven to madness, Jinfeng mustered all of her strength and hacked Hu to death with a sickle in his sleep before setting fire to his house.

Case II:



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>†</sup> <u>http://www.chinasmack.com/2011/pictures/10-beautiful-chinese-women-executed-over-the-past-30-years.html</u> (English); <u>http://legal.gmw.cn/2011-12/22/content\_3226185.htm</u> (Chinese)

Tao Jing<sup>‡</sup>, as a result of carrying drugs for her boyfriend, was sentenced to death in 1991 at only 20 years of age, becoming the youngest female to be executed in over 50 years. These images are photos of Tao Jing after being arrested, and she was sent to the execution ground.



# **Case III**



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Feng Jianmei: On June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2012, young mother Feng Jianmei was dragged into a forced abortion clinic. Doctors injected poison into the head of the baby inside her womb. On June 4<sup>th</sup>, the dead baby came out of her body. She was devastated.

The above stories are every Chinese man and woman's story. This is the kind of fear, injustice, violence, and imprisonment we want China to be set free from in 1989, and that struggle is continuing today.

25 years since the Tiananmen Square Massacre, there is still no accountability for the leaders who ordered the killing of thousands of people on June 3-4, 1989. There is no accountability for the Family Planning Officials who killed 400 million babies and are still continuing to do so today. There is no accountability for the Communist Party officials or their families who have enriched themselves at the expense of the hard-working Chinese people. **But the days of justice is coming soon!** 

#### What is our hope for this freedom today?

25 years ago, we students admired former Communist Party General Secretary Hu Yaobang and went to the Square support his calls for three reforms: economic, political, and spiritual. But Zhao Ziyang wanted two reforms: political and economic reform, and he paid dearly for his belief by spending the rest of his live under house arrest. However, Deng Xiaoping only wanted economic reform.

The past 25 years—after the Tiananmen Massacre--China has developed into an economic dictatorship, with no political reform. However, despite the brutal oppression, forced abortions, and religious persecution, China is going through a powerful spiritual revival. The human heart can't be satisfied by materialism alone. As Jesus said, "Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God."

Even Xi Jinping recognizes that China's modernization has left a "moral vacuum"—filled with materialism, corruption, and greed. But his prescriptions for these things are really just more of the same. Nonetheless, we do rejoice, a bit, when we hear President Xi talk about a China Dream—a dream about the great revival of the nation of China.

After spending the past 48 years searching for the hope we all aspired to and shared at Tiananmen, I have found truth and comfort in Christ Jesus. Now I can speak with confidence that China will surely be a great nation when it allows for religious freedom, and frees its people to helps the poor, the widow, the orphan, and the refugee. "Jesus is the way, the truth and the life. No one come to God except through Jesus." (John 14:6)

"God created everything through him, and nothing was created except through him." (John 1:3) "He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities-- all things have been created through Him and for Him. He is before all things, and in him all thongs hold together." (Colossians 1:15-16) "There is no authority except from God, and those which exist are established by God." (Romans 13:10)

# A free China will be established by God and it will look like the following:

- One life under God;
- One family under God;
- One church/community under God;
- One nation under God;
- One world under God.

Specifically, it will look like the following:

- One life under God:
  - We will love God with all our hearts, minds, souls and strength, so that our love of God will govern our lives and our principles.
  - We will love others as ourselves: our love and care will not be limited to ourselves, but will extend to our families, our neighbors, our communities, and our people.
- One family under God:
  - Our children will be equally welcomed and protected. The One-Child Policy and gendercide will cease to exist, for Jesus commanded us,
     "Permit the children to come to Me, and do not hinder them, for the

kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it at all." (Luke 18:16-17)

- Our family will reflect the glory of the Lord: wives will respect husbands, and husbands will sacrificially love their wives, just as Jesus sacrificially loved His church. There will no longer be domestic violence.
- One church/community under God:
  - The church and the community will do what the apostle Paul has urged us to do in Ephesians chapter 4: "Lead a life worthy of our calling, for we have been called by God. Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of our love. Make every effort to keep ourselves united in the Spirit, binding ourselves together with peace. For there is one body and one Spirit, just as we have been called to one glorious hope for the future. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God and Father, who is over all and in all and living through all."
  - The church will act out a religion that is pure and faultless to God: "to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world." (James 1:27)
- One nation under God:
  - Our leaders will truly serve the people as Jesus has taught us:
     "whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant."
     (Matthew 20:26)
  - Our government will be a just and righteous government.
  - Our people will obey, honor and pray for those in authority.
- One world under God:
  - "God will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever." (Revelation 21:4) "All who are victorious will inherit all the blessings, and I will be their God and they will be my children." (Revelation 21:7) This is our hope for the future.
  - China is destined to become a great nation that follows and honors God! China will become a blessing to the world.

### How can we achieve the Chinese Dream?

China's leaders have a great opportunity to achieve this God given China dream today. We applaud President Xi's father, Xi Zhongxun, for reportedly standing up against the massacre. We applaud President Xi's several reforms on China's human rights practices, including the merging of the National Population and Family Planning Commission and the Ministry of Health (which some say is a face-saving way to disband the family planning army), the easing of the One-Child Policy into the "Selective Two-Child Policy", and the abolishment the labor camp system. These are great beginnings towards righteousness and justice.

But our hope is not rooted in any leader or any individual, but in God alone! If it is God's will to free China, He alone can accomplish it. So does God say anything about the Chinese Dream? As a matter of fact, yes, God did speak about the Chinese Dream through Isaiah 9:6-7:

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders.
And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end.
He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever.
The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this."

This child is Jesus. He was born around 2014 years ago. The passage says from that time on until forever, "of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end," and "he will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it, with justice and righteousness." This effort is not dependent on anyone's free will to choose between right and evil, but on the zeal of the faithful and trustworthy Lord.

Jesus' kingdom includes China. The Gospel of John has the following passages:

"Then the leading priests and Pharisees called the high council together. 'What are we going to do?' they asked each other. 'This man certainly performs many

miraculous signs. If we allow him to go on like this, soon everyone will believe in him. Then the Roman army will come and destroy both our Temple and our nation.'

"Caiaphas, who was high priest at that time, said, 'You don't know what you're talking about! You don't realize that it's better for you that one man should die for the people than for the whole nation to be destroyed."

"He did not say this on his own; as high priest at that time he was led to prophesy that Jesus would die for the entire nation. And not only for that nation, but to bring together and unite all the children of God scattered around the world.

"So from that time on, the Jewish leaders began to plot Jesus' death." (John 11:47-53)

"On the cross, when He had received the drink, Jesus said, 'It is finished.' With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit." (John 19:30)

Indeed, Jesus had died to fulfill God's purpose of bringing together and uniting all God's children around the world so they will not be destroyed. And even more, Jesus has risen! The power, victory, revival, and renewal are all held in His hands. He remains humble to offer us the choice to follow him or to continue with our own will. The freedom to choose Jesus and be set free is in the hands of every Chinese people who have heard the good news.

It is our prayer that the leaders of China will choose to follow Jesus to bring about the Kingdom Dream in China. If not, what Mordecai said to Queen Esther when the Jewish nation faced the danger of annihilation may become the fate of the leaders of China:

"For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father's family will perish. And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?" (Esther 4:14)

This is also a message to those who visit China to pursue business and other interests at the expense of the poor and the helpless. The task is simple: speak out the truth in love. Be the voice for the voiceless.

"Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the people of Israel; so hear the word I speak and give them warning from me. When I say to a wicked person, "You will surely die," and you do not warn them or speak out to dissuade them from their evil ways in order to save their life, that wicked person will die for their sin, and I will hold you accountable for their blood. But if you do warn the wicked person and they do not turn from their wickedness or from their evil ways, they will die for their sin; but you will have saved yourself.

"Again, when a righteous person turns from their righteousness and does evil, and I put a stumbling block before them, they will die. Since you did not warn them, they will die for their sin. The righteous things that person did will not be remembered, and I will hold you accountable for their blood." (Ezekiel 3:17-20)

Many may find it discouraging that no promising change has taken place in China in the past 25 years. But I rejoice in the confidence that God has His timing for all nations to come into deliverance. The Lord allowed the Israelites to suffer in Egypt for 400 years, but once that time was over, He called upon Moses to rescue them from their bondage (Genesis 15:13-14). Likewise, God punished the sinful Israelites by putting them under the oppression of Babylon for 70 years. After this time, God immediately restored His people (Jeremiah 27). **God has a special timer for China as well. We are 25 years closer to the day of restoration. But be warned, when that day comes, it will be like a flood. No earthly power can stop the Spirit and the might of the Almighty God.** 

The tanks and troops crushed our movement, but they could not crush our dream of a free China. The tanks and troops can stop demonstrations on the streets, but they can never stop a people's unceasing prayers for justice and freedom. "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty!"

At the beginning of the testimony, you have seen the pictures of those young women and a baby who lost lives. I want to share you that by walking humbly with God to act justly and love mercy, many more baby girls and mothers have been rescued from physical death, some of them choose to accept Jesus have been saved into eternal life.

Let me leave you with some of their pictures to remind you the glorious hope and victory we have in God through Jesus.

Case V:



This mother was terminally ill. Her husband died and her brother in law is crippled. Our workers in China came to pray for the brother in law. After they left, he saw three persons came to him and said, "Get off bed and walk." He did and he was healed. This mother was deeply impressed and she gave her life to Jesus as well. Her illness was healed and her baby girl is also rescued. Just look at her radiant smile, we can see God's promise that He will "bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of gladness, instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. (Isaiah 61: 3) That is coming true in this woman's life.

The next picture shows how the love of God has become reality of many of these mothers' lives and their baby girls.



If God can free these mothers and babies. He can certainly free an entire nation! In Jesus' name we rest our hope and confidence!