For America – for better or worse, in sickness and in health.

Let me ask you something personal: Do you think America is the greatest country in the world? I suppose one could easily argue that it is, and just as easily argue that it's not. After all, we're in the midst of some pretty difficult times right now. For me, it's a yes. There's no place I rather live in, even during imperfect times. Having lived under a communist regime and exiled to a socialist country before making it here, freedom and opportunity are high on my list. The freedom and opportunity to express this opinion, for instance, and for us to disagree.

I know that what I love and respect about this nation may be what you dislike and despise about it. But the fact that you and I are choosing to live in it – – happily or miserably – – irrespective of our reasons, and even when we reject some of its principles, says, to me, a lot about its greatness.

For your sake and mine, may God protect it, calm us the heck down, and keep it free. Porque de aquí, ¿Pa'dónde? That's why for better or worse, in sickness and in health, for this country, I am thankful.



Wishing all of you a happy and healthy Fourth of July.

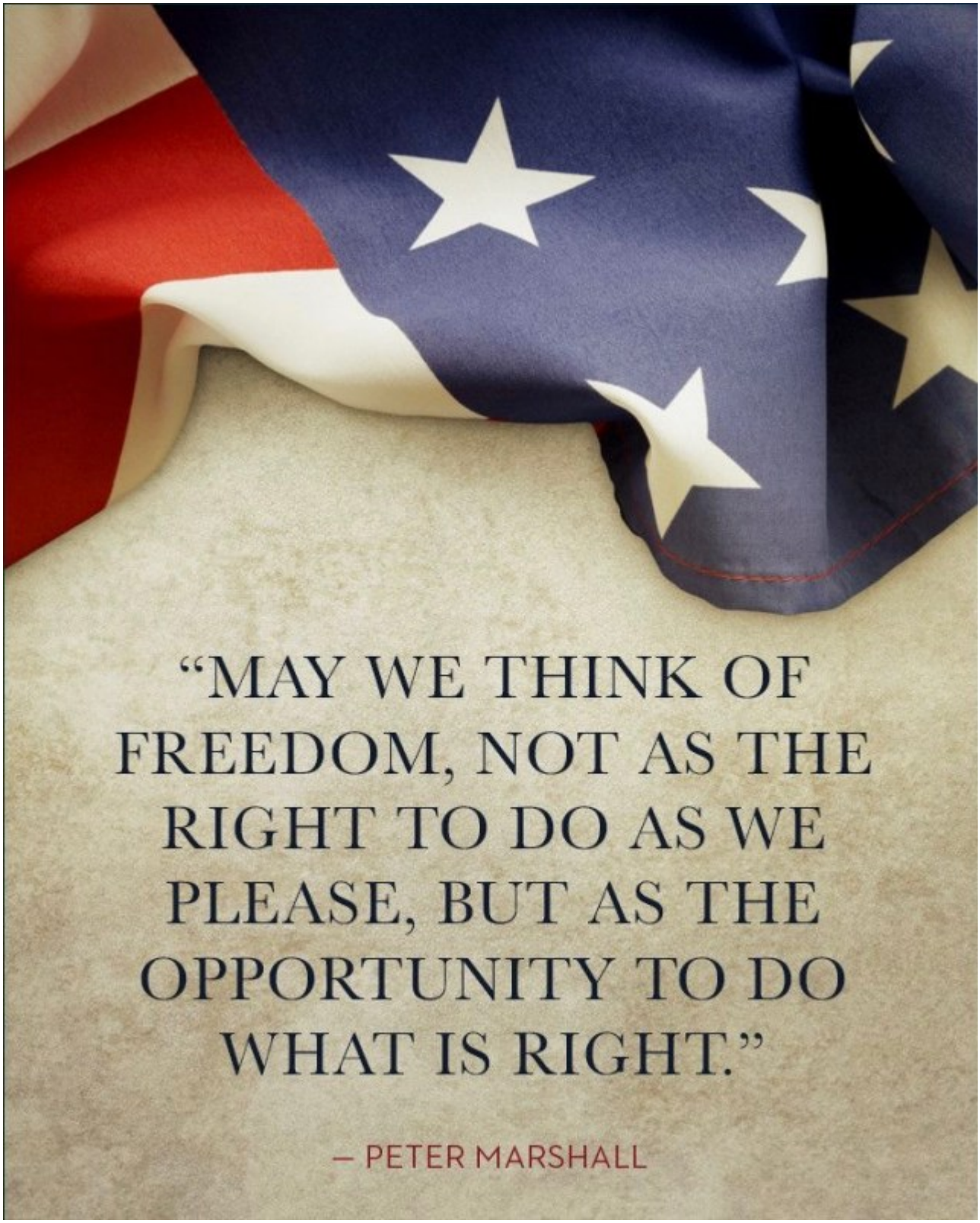
What are you thankful for today?

Until next Thursday's post…si Dios quiere.

"Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same."
-Ronald Reagan

"Let us not seek to satisfy our thirst for freedom by drinking from the cup of bitterness and hatred."
-Martin Luther King, Jr.

"If you could kick the person in the pants responsible for most of your trouble, you wouldn't sit for a month."
-Theodore Roosevelt


"MAY WE THINK OF FREEDOM, NOT AS THE RIGHT TO DO AS WE PLEASE, BUT AS THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO WHAT IS RIGHT."
– PETER MARSHALL

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