

## **Searching for Truth Together**

How can I understand unless someone helps me? Acts 8:31



## **For Freedom**

## A special message from Daniel Shayesteh

My native country, Iran is burning in the middle of the fire of anger and discontent. Imagine that a government brings the worst calamity to the people for more than forty years and humiliates women in every way and violates their minimum rights. Each of the heroic Iranian women who stood up for their rights, were called infidels, tortured, sexually assaulted, and then sentenced to long-term imprisonment, or killed. More than a decade ago, some Iranian women realized that in order to gain their freedom, they had to put the hijab, the central core of Islamic belief, under their feet.

Since then, more and more of these female heroes have brought great honour to the land of Iran. But since September 2023, these women have shaken the world with their bravery in the streets in Iran. The story started with the despotic Islamic regime of Iran brutally killing a girl named Mahsa Amini for not wearing a proper Islamic hijab. Because of this, many women and girls protested in support of Mahsa against the Islamic State and set their hijabs on fire in the streets in Iran, showing that they neither want Islam, nor its principles, nor its government. Then many men and boys joined these heroic women and terrified the Islamic State of Iran with their protests. The Islamic leader of Iran still sees brutal dictatorship- torturing and killing at will, as the solution. These are the only principles of Islam that have allowed it to survive in Islamic countries so far.

The crimes of mullahs in Iran have made many Muslims realize that the leadership in Islam is merely dictatorial and freedom cannot be achieved with Islam.

There is no doubt that in such a significant time, our role as the followers of Jesus Christ is to show the liberating leadership of Jesus Christ to Iranians, and help them to understand that they won't be able to achieve freedom, unless they allow Jesus to free them. Please pray for us that we will continue to show the liberating examples of Jesus Christ to Iranians with our messages and lives. Thank you so much for your unceasing prayers, encouragements and supports.