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The Lord wants you to live in His liberty and freedom.

**Acts 4:18-20** *Then they called them in again and commanded them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. But Peter and John replied, "Which is right in God's eyes: to listen to you, or to him? You be the judges! As for us, we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard."* (NIV)

Even though Peter and John were being held and questioned by the Sanhedrin, they were truly set free. They knew Who was holding them in His mighty hands. There is such freedom when you know, as the Psalmist did in **Psalm 118:6**, *The LORD is with me; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?* (NIV)

For those who are in Christ Jesus, we are covered by His blood and held in His hands. In enemy likes to use fear and intimidation, but our LORD has power over all things. When we rest in Him, we can be confident that He will do what He says He will do. I love how Paul puts it in **Rom. 8:31-32** *What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He Who did not spare His own Son, but gave Him up for us all--how will He not also, along with Him, graciously give us all things?* (NIV) And again in **Rom. 8:37-39** *No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.* (NIV)

**Dear LORD,** You have given us the courage to stand for You and You will always be there for us. Help us to enjoy the freedom we have in You. You are our Rock and our Fortress. In You we have everything that we need. In Jesus Name, Amen