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

2 Cor. 5:8 *We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the LORD.*

When you hear the word “home,” what comes to your mind? For most people, it’s not an address or a destination, but instead a feeling. I’ve lived so many places in my lifetime, but home is where my heart is. The word home has such feelings attached to it. When used with other words, it brings in more emotion. Home town, homecoming, home place, home for the holidays, are just a few. It is the place where I know I am always loved, always wanted, always welcome. The longer that I live, the more I realize and agree with Paul and his statement here. ***To be away from the body and at home with the LORD***, is what I’m looking forward to. The Greek phrase *to be at home* is **endemesai** which means *to be in one’s own country or to be in the atmosphere of home*. Paul knew where he was going and the longer he lived, the more he desired to be there. When we are young, those thoughts are seemingly few and far between, but the longer we live here on this earth, the more we desire to go home.

I’m reminded of the song we used to sing in church when I was young. ***“This World Is Not My Home”*** by **Jim Reeves** - *This world is not my home, I'm just a passing through, My treasures are laid up somewhere beyond the blue*

*The Angels beckon me from Heaven's open door, And I can't feel at home in this world anymore. Read through this passage with that in mind: **John 14:1-6** “Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in Me. My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with Me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to Him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?” Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.”*

Dear LORD, You are preparing a real home for us right now. There will be a day when You come to take us there to be with You forever. We will finally be home; at home with You. In Your presence forever. Hallelujah! In Jesus Name, Amen