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

2 Thess. 3:16 *Now may the LORD of peace Himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The LORD be with you all. (NIV)*

Paul is wrapping up his letter to the church at Thessalonica and wants to encourage them with this thought. This church had been through much persecution and tribulation, and no doubt would be facing even more. But in the face of these trials, Paul reminds them that they don't have to face them alone. This is one of the hardest times in a person's life, feeling alone. You've probably experienced this in your own life. Sometimes it seems that you are standing all alone and no one seems to be there for you. We can feel isolated even in large crowds. Well Paul shares an encouraging statement to them. Remember, you will always have the LORD with you. He will never leave or forsake you. He's always as close as the mention of His name. And what He can bring in any situation is peace. This is the same peace that Jesus spoke of in **John 14:27** *Peace I leave with you; My peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. (NIV)*

This is His peace, not something that we can try to summon up from within our own being, but true and lasting peace that will never fail, never falter and will fill you with His overflowing presence. And Paul adds that this peace is available at all times and in every way. That's a pretty perfect peace if you ask me. Why don't you call on the One and lean into the One Who can deliver this peace constantly and continuously? Call on the name of Jesus. He will hear you and bring you His peace.

Dear LORD, we call upon You today to give us peace in the midst of so many storms that are brewing. We need You now more than ever. Help us to walk by faith and not by sight because You are in control of all things. In Jesus Name, Amen