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

**Acts 20:24** *However, I consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the LORD Jesus has given me - the task of testifying to the good news of God's grace. (NIV)*

If only we, as Christians, could all have this attitude. Paul makes this statement as an encouragement to the believers in Ephesus. It was a reminder to them that the only motive we are to have after salvation, is to do all that we do for the name and the cause of Christ. This should cause us all to pause and take a deep look into the motivations in our lives. The LORD has given us all a task. You might be wondering what that task is. A little earlier in **Acts 1:8**, Jesus had given them the parameters of this race that we are to complete: ***“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”*** (NIV)

The plain fact is this: we are to be His witnesses. Now a witness is a person who has seen and experienced something that needs to be told to someone else. We are to verify the fact. We are to give validation so that others can believe. Hence, we are to fulfill the commission that has been given to us by our LORD. **Mt. 28:18-20** *Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”* (NIV)

It is clear that we have been commissioned; the question is will we complete the work that He has given us to do? As those who have died to ourselves and been made alive in Him, we must. **Dear LORD, help us to seek You above all things. Help us to take the good news to this lost and dying world. Give us Your heart and Your eyes. In Jesus Name, Amen**