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

**Job 19:25-26** *I know that my redeemer lives, and that in the end He will stand on the earth. And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God.* (NIV)

As a young boy, I used to love to read mystery books. In particular, I enjoyed reading about a detective named Sherlock Holmes. The fascination of trying to figure out ‘who done it,’ was a pull to my young brain. I also enjoyed the Hardy Boys and their interest to solve the secrets that they were presented. This carried over to my desire to seek the LORD as well. It was something akin to Paul’s statement in **Phil. 3:10** *“I want to know Christ--yes, to know the power of His resurrection and participation in His sufferings, becoming like Him in His death, and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.”* (NIV) Some 2,200 years before Paul, Job also desired to know his redeemer. It is in our DNA, to know where we have come from, where we are going and who our creator and redeemer is. This is the beginning of a true walk with the LORD. Paul proclaimed that he wanted to ‘know’ Christ. This Greek word was very descriptive in its meaning. It is not to know about something, but to experience something. In this case, it is to know Christ. Job also wanted to know His redeemer. Thousands of years before Jesus came and paid the ultimate price of his redemption, Job knew that the LORD would do this. And not only that He would come and redeem the souls of all who will believe, but that He would come again to reign here on this earth. It is this incredible faith that must be our motivation. Peter also echoes this in **1 Pt. 1:8-9** *Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.* (NIV)

Does this motivate you as well? It certainly does me because I too want to ‘know’ Christ. I want to know Him more and more, every single moment that He gives me. I know that someday soon, I will see Him in all of His glory, but I don’t have to wait until then to know Him with my mind, my will and my soul. He is with me now and will always be. I will see God!

**Dear LORD, there is nothing more powerful and drawing to our lives than to know that we will get to see You and be in Your presence forever more. We look forward to that day but help us to live in You this very day. In Jesus Name, Amen**