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

1 Chron. 16:11 *Look to the LORD and His strength; seek His face always. (NIV)*

What does it mean to ‘look to the LORD?’ Quite literally, it means to focus directly upon Him and His Word. Sometimes we are looking at something from a distance, but we are unable to determine the specific parts of that object. It seems too far away. But if you have a pair of binoculars, you can see the object magnified. I spent many days in college looking through the lens of a microscope. It was my job as a lab assistant in genetics to map the chromosomes of the *drosophila melanogaster* (the fruit fly). If it were not for the amazing power of the microscope that I was able to use, I would not have been able to do this. It was the magnification of that instrument that allowed me to see what I needed to be able to see.

So how do we see what we need to be able to see from the LORD? We must magnify Him! **Ps. 34:3-5 *O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt His name together. I sought the LORD, and He heard me, and delivered me from all my fears. They looked unto Him, and were lightened: and their faces were not ashamed. (NIV)*** It is in the exalting of the King, that we are able to see Him and His works and recognize His strength. We may seem to think that we have accomplished something, but it could only be accomplished because of, and through Him. We are to seek His face always. This means continuously, without periods of stopping. We must be cognizant that He is always with us and that He desires to do His work through us. We are His voice, His hands and His feet.

Dear LORD, please work in us and through us today as we magnify Your name and proclaim the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living. Help others to see what we already know: You are LORD, and there is no other! In Jesus Name, Amen