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

John 14:25-27 “All this I have spoken while still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. 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)

I love how Jesus just comes sweetly and speaks comfort over His followers. He wanted to let them know that He would not leave them alone. The Comforter would be with them, the Holy Spirit, and He would constantly remind them of whose they are. Do you sense the Holy Spirit's presence? I feel His tug on my heart when I need to see others like He does. I sense His pull to keep my eyes fixed on Jesus, the author and perfecter of my faith. I know that I serve a risen LORD Who has paid my sin debt upon the cross of Calvary. He gives me strength when I am weak. He speaks to me through His word and the gentle reminders of His Spirit. When I spend time in His Word, He shows me things I had not seen nor comprehended before.

But the most beautiful part of this life in Him is His peace. I can face anything this world brings my way when I am abiding in Him. A friend in the ministry used to say, “when the devil tempts or attacks, I just turn to Jesus, and He stands against the foe. That is why Paul says in **Phil. 4:13**, ***I can do all things through Christ Who strengthens me.*** (NIV)

Dear LORD, thank You for Your peace that You have given us. We can face whatever this world brings because of Your sweet peace. In Jesus Name, Amen