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

***2 Cor. 3:17 Now the LORD is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the LORD is, there is freedom.***

The Greek word for *freedom* is **eleutheria** which means *complete liberty or freedom*. I think that we take the word freedom for granted. If we lived in a different country or culture, we might be more grateful for any freedom or liberty that we had. This particular word carries the implication that the Spirit of the LORD is the giver of this freedom. It is a sacred freedom. It is not freedom to do whatever you please; that is selfishness. But instead, it is the freedom of the Spirit that allows you to know and experience the very presence of God in your life.

This this is the presence that David desired when he wrote the words of **Ps. 27:4 *One thing I ask from the Lord, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the Lord and to seek Him in His temple.***

I believe that every person longs to have this kind of freedom. We are born with this desire in our hearts. But the only way to find this liberty is through the giver of it, the LORD Himself. Paul reminded the church of Galatia of this very thing in **Gal. 5:13 *You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather serve one another humbly in love.*** And the prophet Isaiah also proclaimed this in **Isa. 61:1 *The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners.***

Ultimately, the LORD wants to set us free from our bondage of sin and selfishness. He has given so much for us to experience this freedom from sin. Jesus explained this in **John 8:35-36 *Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. So is the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.***

**Dear LORD, You are the only One that can give us freedom and liberty. You are the source of all good things. Thank You for the price that You paid for our freedom. Thank You for Your Spirit that now resides within us. In Jesus Name, Amen**