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

Ps. 25:8-9 Good and upright is the LORD; therefore He instructs sinners in His ways. He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them His way. (NIV)

The LORD could easily destroy the sinner, and yet because of His incredible love, He gives instruction to anyone who will listen. This is because the LORD is good and upright. The Hebrew phrase is **tovv veyashar** which means *He beneficially and generously stands straight and for what is right*. In other words, He will come to the aid and benefit those whose walk is blameless. Now blameless doesn't mean perfect. Instead, it means cleared and forgiven. If you have called upon the name of the LORD for salvation, your record has been cleared and your sins paid for by the blood of the Savior.

Now here is the beautiful part of this passage. As the LORD instructs us, He comes along side as our instructor. He doesn't throw us into this world and expect us to swim in the horrific currents that are flowing around us. As a 'swim' instructor, He comes right into the water with us and places His loving hands under us as we learn to trust in Him. When my children began to swim, they had to learn to trust the swim coach and put into practice the things that they were being taught. Sometimes it was fearful for them and certainly difficult. They put hours during the week into swimming and learned how to make their strokes efficient and powerful. Ultimately, they both qualified for Junior Olympics and won numerous titles. They progressed because they were willing to put their trust in the instructors and coaches and putting time into the discipline of practicing the principles they were taught.

The greatest news is that as Christians, we know and have a relationship with the very best! He knows what we need, every step along the way. He will be with us and lift us up. He will show us every path that we need to take and guide us with His mighty right hand. He will be faithful to be with us, without fail. This confidence helps us experience an overcoming life of faith and trust.

Dear LORD, You are good and upright. You instruct us with perfect instruction. You guide us with Your Word and Your Holy Spirit. You teach us so that we can stand strong daily. Praise You Father. In Jesus Name, Amen