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

John 16:33 *“I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”* (NIV)

Although Jesus was about to physically leave this earth soon, He was sure to remind His disciples and us, that His physical presence is not necessary for Him to continue to be with us. His Holy Spirit has now come to walk along side us and live in us. He is here to encourage us and draw us closer to the Master each day. The interesting thing about His statement here is that He said we **may** have peace. It is offered to us by Him, but just as salvation is offered through His blood shed for us, so is this peace. We must receive it and live in it. **Eph. 2:14** *For He Himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility.* (NIV) I think we could all say amen to the fact that we will have trouble in this world. Sin brought a heavy cost that all people must endure.

And then He speaks the most encouraging word. Take heart! I have overcome the world. Can you say hallelujah? Listen folks, the best news, the greatest news ever, is that Jesus has overcome sin and death and has provided for us a way of freedom from our sin-debt. He paid it all for us. There is no one or nothing that can stand against the power of our Mighty God!

Dear LORD, thank You for our salvation through Jesus Christ. Thank You for our inhabitation of the Holy Spirit. Thank You for the peace this brings us all. You have overcome! In Jesus Name, Amen