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

Ps. 119:50 *My comfort in my suffering is this: Your promise preserves my life. (NIV)*

Have you thought about this very fact, that no matter what you are facing or how bad things seem to get, the LORD is right there with you no matter what? The was truly a freeing to the psalmist as He was enduring a difficult time. Just because you have the LORD in your life doesn't automatically mean everything will always be delightful, but it does mean that no matter how hard or stressful or tough things get, He is with you in the midst of the storm. This is backed up by the word of God. He has said that He will never leave us or forsake us. This means everything because from the One Who cannot tell a lie. He is the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth.

Some people think that living in freedom means that everything is always great and that you won't experience any problems or struggles. Let's see what Paul says about that in **2 Cor. 11:23-28** *Are they servants of Christ? (I am out of my mind to talk like this.) I am more. I have worked much harder, been in prison more frequently, been flogged more severely, and been exposed to death again and again. Five times I received from the Jews the forty lashes minus one. Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was pelted with stones, three times I was shipwrecked, I spent a night and a day in the open sea, I have been constantly on the move. I have been in danger from rivers, in danger from bandits, in danger from my fellow Jews, in danger from Gentiles; in danger in the city, in danger in the country, in danger at sea; and in danger from false believers. I have labored and toiled and have often gone without sleep; I have known hunger and thirst and have often gone without food; I have been cold and naked. Besides everything else, I face daily the pressure of my concern for all the churches. (NIV)* All of these things were just things that Paul went through, knowing that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to His purpose. Our greatest comfort is not in the things of this world, ever! It is found in Him alone!

Dear LORD, as we walk in You today, remind us that this world will bring problems, but You hold all things in Your hands. We must look to You in all situations. In Jesus Name, Amen