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

Rm. 6:17-18 But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you have come to obey from your heart the pattern of teaching that has now claimed your allegiance. You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness. (NIV)

Meditate for just a moment on this thought. ***You have been set free from sin.*** Now what does that really mean? We no longer are slaves. This means that sin is not our master any longer. We have the choice and power to say 'no' to those things that would lead us astray. We can stand firm knowing that we are now fit with the power of God and with His Spirit that empowers us.

We were once slaves to sin. We had no ability nor power to break the chains of sin in our lives. But God demonstrated His love for us in this; while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. He has paid the full price for our salvation. It cost Him everything, but He was willing to pay it. This bought us our freedom from sin and eternal separation from Him. This brings us into His teaching and we can now walk in step with Him and obedience knowing that we are hearing His heart and following His word. Everything changes for the good of the gospel and the growing in His teaching. We no longer have to live in the bondage of our own desires, but He will give us a new heart and a new mind. We can then follow Him completely.

Dear LORD, thank You that we have been set free from our own selfishness and desires. You have given us a new heart and mind. Help us to continually stay and abide in Your presence. In Jesus Name, Amen