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

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. (NIV)*

There is a sense of freedom when we come to Christ. He releases us from the penalty of sin so that we might live in the liberty of His life. But must be very careful not to fall back into our sinful desires, using our freedom as a reason to do so. That means we should not use our freedom as an opportunity for our flesh. In his great treatise in Romans 6, Paul addresses this matter.

Rom. 6:1-4 *What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. (NIV)*

The reason that we are set free is so that we may serve the One Who has set us free. We do this by humbly, in love, serving one another. Our freedom allows us to look past preferences and bias, so that we can love like He loves us. I can tell you that we are never more like Jesus than when we love others like He loves; totally and unconditionally. We ought to be motivated by His Spirit to look for opportunities to serve the needs of others. To give a cup of cold water in Jesus' name. To invite others to fellowship. To let them know that we really do care about them.

Dear LORD, help us to love like You love. We are free to love unconditionally. Help us to look for others who just need to know that they are loved by You and by us. In Jesus Name, Amen