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

***Dt. 31:6 Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you.***

Today's scripture is a statement of the LORD. Many people call these statements promises of God. A promise is usually a vow made by people that they will do something. The problem is that most people have made many promises and have not carried through on them. When the LORD makes a statement, it is done. What He has said, He will do. You'll never have to wonder about it.

This passage is a statement of encouragement for us all. Fear is the weapon of the evil one. Instead, we are inspired to be strong and courageous. Our Father wants us to be able to stand and face the enemies of the cross. We must stand, not in our own power or strength, but in the power of the One Who holds all things in His hands. In this particular verse, we are motivated to stand against the enemy without fear. No matter how daunting the circumstances might seem, you can be assured that you are not standing alone. He is with you.

I like to picture the enemies lined up in front of me and as I face them, the LORD of all the universe appears, standing directly behind me. The fierce scowls of the enemy suddenly turn into faces full of fear. They know there is no chance to face the King of Kings and LORD of Lords. And the greatest part of this all is that the LORD Himself will NEVER leave you nor forsake you. This is a statement, not a promise to be broken.

**Dear LORD, You are a God of Your Word. What You say will come to pass. In every situation, You are there. In every struggle, You are there. When we face the enemy, You are there. And, You always will be. Thank You LORD. In Jesus Name, Amen.**