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

John 14:1-6 *“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in Me. My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to Him, “Lord, we don’t know where You are going, so how can we know the way?” Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. (NIV)*

I have to admit that I have quite a few favorite verses in scripture. These are verses that have significant impact on my spiritual walk with Christ. And, these six verses are among them. They are particularly impactful because of the One Who said them and the time that He said them. Jesus was preparing to offer up Himself as the sacrificial Lamb of God. John the Baptist had proclaimed this in **John 1:29** *The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look, the Lamb of God, Who takes away the sin of the world!” (NIV)* Parenthetically, He did not say the sins of a select few, but of the world. It has always been the LORD’s desire that no one should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

When Jesus told them He was going to prepare a place for you, He was using the same language as that of a bride groom to his ‘bride-to-be.’ He would go back home to his father’s house and build an additional room for he and his bride to be. These homes were called an insula, which were many rooms for many people to live together. These were typically family units. I love what the ‘late’ Keith Green said: “Since God made all that there is in six days, and He’s been working on our place for two thousand years, man what a place that’s going to be!” And then there is the striking statement of Jesus: ***I Am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.*** There is only one way to Heaven. There is only one way to the Father. Jesus is the way.

Dear LORD, You made a way for us to be with You forever. Thank You for Your sacrifice so that we could be in Your presence. There is no greater love than this! In Jesus Name, Amen