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

**Ps. 56:10-11 *In God, Whose word I praise, in the LORD, Whose word I praise - in God I trust; I will not be afraid.***

The Hebrew word for *trust* is **batachti** which means *to completely rely, have full confidence in or feel totally secure*. Have you ever been in a situation where you felt uneasy or lacked confidence? You may not have known what to do or where to turn for guidance. On the old farm I grew up on, we had an old barn that had some very shaky rafters. My cousin and I would climb up in try to walk across the rafters, from one side to the other. I can just see some of you parents cringing right now just thinking about it. The up-side to this was that underneath the rafters was a pile of broken hay bales; so if we fell, we would be cushioned by the hay. It's not so scary when you know you have something to fall into. That is what it is like to realize that God is there for us to catch us if we fall.

As a young girl, my daughter completely trusted me as well. She would get up on a high tree branch and jump into my waiting arms. She was so light and I was in fairly good shape, so catching her was not that difficult. But, she still had to trust that if she jumped, I would catch her. I'm sure that I caused some pre-mature aging for her mother with those stunts. But the bottom line is this, we can trust in Almighty God. He loves us more than anyone could love us. He will watch over you and be there for you because of that amazing love.

David faced many times of battle, trials and tough situations; but he always knew that he could look to the LORD and that he didn't need to be afraid, because his God was with him. Now that is true confidence. How else could a twelve-year-old boy face a fully combat ready giant? His trust was in the LORD!

**Dear LORD, thank You that we can completely put our trust in You and You will never fail us. You are trustworthy LORD above all others. Thank You for watching over Your children, In Jesus Name, Amen**