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

**Acts 17:28** *For in Him we live and move and have our being.* (NIV)

Yesterday, I mentioned those that walk around, but have no life. In today's scripture, we see the opposite; those that walk in the life of the One Who gives real life. In fact, the Greek word here is **zomen** which you can see means those that are yet without life (zo) and those who choose to enter the life of Christ and stay (meno). The critical point here is that in Christ is the only place that one can experience true and abundant life. Everyone else is just existing on the way to dying. Dr. Luke, the writer of the book of Acts, instinctively knows the difference between death and life. Most people are walking around dead, defeated and hopeless. But the good news is this: **John 1:12** *Yet to all who did receive Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God.* (NIV)

The second part of this verse reminds us that this life is not just for our good, but for His good. He has adopted us so that we can go and share this life with others; those without life. I'm sure you know some of those people who exist to try and please themselves and are prone to selfishness and pride. They can be cruel, or they can act like they are not, but ultimately, everything seems to be about them. I have to admit that there was a time in my own life that everything seemed to hinge on what I wanted and thought I needed. But when Jesus became Lord of my life, I had to submit to the only One Who could save me, forgive me and make me truly whole. This is not my life any longer, it is His working through me. **1 Cor. 6:19-20** *Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, Who is in you, Whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.* (NIV)

**Dear LORD, help us not to get in the way of Your will by demanding our own. We must choose to daily submit ourselves to the cross and follow You. That is true life. In Jesus Name, Amen**