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

Prov. 29:25-26 *Fear of man will prove to be a snare, but whoever trusts in the LORD is kept safe. Many seek an audience with a ruler, but it is from the LORD that one gets justice.* (NIV)

Many people worry so much about what others think of them rather than what God knows about them. This is a trap to so many because they would rather 'look good' in the eyes of man. I am always reminded of the passage in **1 Sam. 16:7** where God reprimands Samuel for looking at what 'man' sees rather than what the LORD sees: ***But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."*** (NIV) And now look at this emphatic proclamation - ***but whoever trusts in the LORD is kept safe.*** Whoever will trust in the LORD will be surrounded by the protection of the Almighty God. Not only shielded by Him but caressed in His strong and loving arms. This is truly the safest place that anyone could be. When you think of all of the money people spend on home security systems, a staggering \$20.64 billion dollars a year, it seems that millions are looking for safety in a world that has lost its bearings and knowing the difference between right and wrong.

Now I'm not saying that you shouldn't use common sense. I realize we live in a totally different society than when I was a young boy. We never locked our house. My parents left the keys to their vehicles in the ignition. They never thought about someone stealing anything. It was so rare, that it wasn't even an issue. Now intruders will kick down the door and take what they want. And even many will use technology to hack your computer and steal private information. No amount of 'protection' can thwart the insidious attacks of those who will do anything to get what they want. But listen to this word of the LORD - He will keep you safe. Even if someone were to take your physical life, you will never be out of the care of the Father. Instead, you will be in the safest place ever! The place that He has prepared for you forever!

Dear LORD, help us not to fear what people can do, but instead, trust in You and in Your mighty protection. We must not live in dread, but instead we should be rejoicing for all that You have done for us! In Jesus Name, Amen