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

**John 6:35** *Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to Me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in Me will never be thirsty."* (NIV)

The only way we can experience real and abundant life is to know the One Who is life. When Jesus declared that He is the bread of life, He is stating that He is the source, the sustenance of life. It can be found nowhere else. Many look for life in all the wrong places, but they will draw up short. This life can only be found in the 'life-giver,' Jesus Christ.

I can tell you that the smell of freshly baked bread is one of my favorite scents. In college, I was a part of a group that did work for the school late at night. We had projects that we would accomplish while others were out socializing or studying. Sometimes, we worked through the night to make sure the projects were done. At about three in the morning, a local bread bakery would be cooking their loaves for the day, and we could smell it while we were out working. Sometimes, we would go by there and they would give us freshly baked loaves that were irregular and couldn't be used. We would bring the bread back to our 'wrap-up' meeting and everyone would enjoy eating that warm bread. Jesus is 'the bread of life.' We would do well to take Him and share Him with a hungry world. He is all anyone could ever need. He is also the spring of living water. **John 4:13-14** *Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life."* (NIV) **Mt. 5:6** *Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.* (NIV)

**Dear LORD, You are the bread of life and the living water that we need. We come to You for our sustenance and strength. Fill us with Your Spirit so that we may then overflow to people around us. In Jesus Name, Amen**