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

Pv. 27:19 *As water reflects the face, so one's life reflects the heart.* (NIV)

I've always thought that verses like this one are a picture of the wisdom of God portrayed to His children. Just as the eyes are a window to the soul, our face or countenance is the picture of what is inside. I can't tell you how many times I've met people and had a good understanding of who they were by looking into their face. But even clearer is the life that someone is living. You can see a stark difference in people who are just existing and those that are truly living. Existing is basically walking in the 'ruts' of life. Someone once said that if you are in a rut, it is just a race with both ends knocked out. It is not leading anywhere and has no purpose. But life has meaning and fulfillment. It is so awesome to know that the LORD of all has a specific purpose for you and for me.

I remember when this became apparent to me. I was on the road to try to become a doctor. This was my mother's dream for me. I loved biology and had always done well in school. I enjoyed learning about the intricacies of the human body and how 'fearfully and wonderfully we were knit together in our mother's womb. But I also knew that there was a 'calling' on my life and so as a second-year biology student, I changed my major, graduated and went to Seminary in Fort Worth. I desired to be in God's will, and He has given me real and abundant life. He will always give more than you could ever think or imagine. He opens doors of opportunity and directs our path. We can then experience His presence and His power in a way we never could have on our own. And the phrase from an old hymn really comes into play: *'let other see Jesus in you.'*

Dear LORD, thank You for real life. I pray others will see Your life in us and realize that they can also enjoy life and not just exist. You are life! In Jesus Name, Amen