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

2 Thess. 3:5 May the LORD direct your hearts into God's love and Christ's perseverance. (NIV)

Have you ever noticed that most guys don't like to ask for directions? "Oh, I know where I'm going" ... Those famous words are usually spoken by a guy that has no clue. In today's GPS world, it is easy to find the place that you are looking for, most of the time. Not long ago, I mapped an address on my phone, and it took me around in circles for about thirty minutes. I could see the place I wanted to go, but there was no road from the place where I had been taken. That's frustrating to say the least. But I can tell you that Paul hits the nail right on the head in today's scripture. When the LORD directs our hearts, we will always get where He wants us to go. It is GPS (God's Positioning System) that gets us to where we need to be. And that 'positioning' is drawing closer to the heart and mind of God. It is learning to lean on Him instead of the world or us. So where is He directing you today? It will ultimately be into His love and Christ's perseverance.

When we experience His love, it changes the way we see others. It causes us to love the unlovely and look past their faults to see their needs. Everyone needs to know that someone cares. Look around you today and ask yourself this question? Who do I know that needs to know that they are loved? The LORD will show you someone if you just ask Him. And secondly, pray that the LORD might send someone that needs His love into your path today. Now it won't be easy. It may take some time and a lot of effort, but the LORD will also give you Christ's perseverance. This means we will not give up. We won't throw in the towel and quit. We will just keep on loving because that's what He does for us.

Dear LORD, please direct my heart into Your love and Christ's perseverance today. Help me not to get off track and seek my own desires. I want You, not this world. In Jesus Name, Amen