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

It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery. (Galatians 5:1 NIV)

The Greek word for freedom is **eleutherosen**, which means release from bondage, to remove the restrictions of sin, or to liberate. It also carries the connotation of once being in captivity, but being rescued by the One who loves you. He bestows His freedom upon you: ***But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of the darkness into His wonderful light.*** (1 Peter 2:9 NIV)

He rescued us out of our bondage to sin and brought us to a place of freedom in Him. In His presence, we can begin to be transformed into the new creation in Christ and be conformed into His likeness by having the mind of Christ: ***So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.*** (John 8:36 NIV)

Imagine being imprisoned and finding out that someone had come to bail you out by paying the price. That's exactly what He did for you by paying the ransom for your sin. You were in bondage, but now you are set free! And because of that, we are now to live for the One who bought our freedom. Let us boldly go out in His name and proclaim the freedom that is available to all who would believe!

Dear Father, You have set us free! We are no longer bound in our sin and iniquity. We have been transformed. We have been set free! No more chains! No more prison. Instead, we are walking in Your glorious light! Thank You. In Jesus's name, Amen.