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

Eph. 3:20-21 Now to Him Who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen! (NIV)

Albert Einstein once said, "Imagination is everything. It is the preview of life's coming attractions." With that in mind, I often imagine the greatness of God and the things that he has planned for us. The prophet Jeremiah put it this way in Jer. 29:11 "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." (NIV)

Did you know that God loves you more than anyone else could ever love you? He does. He has plans for your life. He wants to bless you. He wants to empower you with His life by His Holy Spirit. He wants to give us love, joy, peace, patience, goodness, kindness, gentleness, faithfulness and self-control. You might be wondering how all of this can be resident within us. This happens in the initial giving of our lives to Him, and it continues on as we walk in Him. Paul gives this exhortation citing that it is God's power that is at work within us. Now meditate on that for just a moment. Let it simmer upon your mind and your heart. Whose power is it that is at work within us? It is God's power. His absolute, complete and glorious power! There is nothing that can stand against that power. That's why Paul told the church at Philippi that he could do all things through Christ Who gives him his strength.

If we were to try to live the abundant life of the LORD, without His empowerment, it would be impossible. But with Him, we can do immeasurably more than anything we could ask for or imagine. We should be walking each and every day in His love and power. Let's give Him glory today for His continual and unfailing love.

Dear LORD, You deserve all glory. You have done so very much for us. You have given and given and yet You are still giving. We need to worship You for Your goodness and mercy. In Jesus Name, Amen