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

**Acts 2:28** *You have made known to me the paths of life; You will fill me with joy in Your presence.* (NIV)

Abiding in the LORD, as I have stated multiple times, is an on-going, daily walk. When we are walking, we must make sure that we are taking the correct path. So, how can we make sure that we are staying in the middle of His will? How can we know that we are abiding in His presence?

**Ps. 119:105** *Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.* (NIV) When we stay in His word, we will know the way we are to go and the purpose that He has laid out for us. He is not keeping anything secret from us. He wants us to know Him more and more. Everything that we need to know about Him is laid out for us in His Word. **Ps. 1:1-3** *Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers, but whose delight is in the law of the LORD, and who meditates on His law day and night. That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither--whatever they do prospers.* (NIV)

The result? We will be filled with joy in His presence. Would those around you today consider you to be filled with joy? Or would that characterize you are worried, angry, disconnected, hopeless or lost. What is on the inside will show itself on the outside. As we walk in His Word, meditate on it and hide it in our hearts, it will do a transforming work in our soul. We will see things from His perspective and be filled with joy! People are drawn to the joy of the LORD. In fact, the joy of the LORD is our strength! Let's follow His Word today and be filled with His joy, so that others might sense that joy and want to know the One Who gives it.

**Dear LORD, please fill us with Your joy today because we are walking in Your Word. You will direct us and guide us as we go. We look to You. In Jesus Name, Amen**