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

***John 14:2-3 My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with Me that you also may be where I am. (NIV)***

Did you know that Jesus is preparing a place for you? I love what the late Keith Green once said about this. He said if the LORD made all of creation in just six days and Jesus has been working on our place for two thousand years, what a place that's going to be.

The Jewish tradition was that after a match had been made between a young man and woman, that the young man would go back to his father's house (insula) and begin an addition of a room onto the current dwelling. He would work on it until the Father gave him the okay that it was ready for the bride. The young man in his excitement, would blow the shofar and every intended young woman would wonder if the groom was coming for her. He would then go and get his bride and take her home to be with him.

This is the picture of what our groom is doing for us right now. He is making a place that we will dwell in forever in His father's house. And one day soon, He will have the trumpet sound because He is coming to get His bride. He finishes His declaration to His disciples when one of them asks where He is going: ***vv. 5-6 Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we don't know where You are going, so how can we know the way?" Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."*** (NIV)

As beautiful and wonderful as this earth can be, it will pale in comparison to the place that the Lord has made for us. And the best thing is that we will be with Him, in His presence forever!

**Dear LORD, thank You that You are even now preparing a place for us. You desire for us to abide with You and You with us, forever. This will be a place made with love by the One Who gave His very life for us. In Jesus Name, Amen**