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

Ps. 119:45 *I will walk about in freedom, for I have sought out Your precepts. (NIV)*

Although the author of Psalm 119 is not known for sure, we know that ultimately it was given by the Spirit of God. Whether David or Daniel, there is no doubt that the author of this psalm knew and experienced much pain and opposition. Both of these men were blessed of God because they were not willing to submit to the worldly pressures. Instead, they walked in freedom, even when they were running from a mad king or made a slave in a foreign land. This freedom comes through submission and obedience to God. Someone once said that obedience and the pursuit of God's word and wisdom lead to liberty, while disobedience or rejection of His word leads to bondage. This reminds me of a quote by R Zaccharias: "*Sin will take you farther than you want to go, keep you longer than you want to stay, and cost you more than you want to pay.*"

There is no substitute for walking in obedience. This is what Jesus was sharing with His followers when He said in **John 15:5-10** *I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in Me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If you do not remain in Me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. If you remain in Me and My words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be My disciples. As the Father has loved Me, so have I loved you. Now remain in My love. If you keep My commands, you will remain in My love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in His love. (NIV)*

Dear LORD, help us to walk in obedience today. There is no substitute for following Your word. We must abide in You and Your Word today. In Jesus Name, Amen