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

**Ps. 118:5-6** *When hard pressed, I cried to the Lord; He brought me into a spacious place. The LORD is with me; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me? (NIV)*

When we don't know what to do, we always have the Spirit of God to call upon. There are times when we are perplexed, anxious, worried, or just feeling down. In all of these times, we are reminded to cry out to the LORD. First of all, He will always listen to you. One of my favorite verses is **Jer. 33:3** *"Call to Me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know. (NIV)* I call this the Lord's phone number. Just dial up Jer. 33:3.

His phone is never busy or out of order or His number has been changed. He is always waiting for us to call upon Him. David said that when he was down, He would cry out to the LORD. There is no one better to call than the LORD. He knows every answer and He has love and mercy towards His children. He brought me into a spacious place means a place I can stand with confidence. In **Ps. 40:1-3**, David put it this way: *I waited patiently for the LORD; He turned to me and heard my cry. He lifted me out of a slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; He set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand. He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear the LORD and put their trust in Him. (NIV)*

When we realize that we have been set free from our bondages and fears, then we can stand firm and not be afraid of anything this world can bring against us. Paul put it this way in **Rom. 8:31-32** *What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He Who did not spare His own Son, but gave Him up for us all--how will He not also, along with Him, graciously give us all things? (NIV)*

**Dear LORD, because You have set us free, we need not fear for You are with us in any and all circumstances. You will never leave us nor forsake us. Nothing in this world can stand against our Almighty God. In Jesus Name, Amen**