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

Ps. 130:5 *I wait for the LORD, my whole being waits, and in His word I put my hope. (NIV)*

The Hebrew term for *wait* is **kivviti** which means *to eagerly expect, hope for and look with great expectation*. I don't know about you, but I am waiting for the LORD. The problem is that most of the time, I don't like waiting. How about you? We usually want things right now! We are an impatient lot. My younger sister was always like that with Christmas presents. I chuckle when I think about how she longed to open presents early. Truth be told, I was right there with her. I mean, if it's a present with my name on it, it's already mine; so why can't I just go ahead and open it? And my Mom's answer was because it's not Christmas yet! And my thought was: why put these presents out here already then?

Important spiritual principle: it is in the waiting that the LORD tends to do His greatest works of spiritual growth in us. The term *wait* is also rendered *patience*. Are we like the person who prayed for patience? "*LORD, give me patience and give it to me right now.*" I like how the prophet Isaiah put it: **Isa. 40:31** *But those who wait on the LORD shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint. (NKJV)* It is in the waiting that we learn to trust. It is in the waiting that God builds character. It is in the waiting that the LORD reminds us to keep our eyes fixed on the Him and the outcome that is promised. He will never let us down. He will always come through. He will do what He has said He will do. **Phil. 3:20** *But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the LORD Jesus Christ. (NIV)*

Dear LORD, we long for Your return. Give us the right heart of expectation. We look forward to that day when You open up the heavens and come to take us home. Even so LORD, come soon! In Jesus Name, Amen