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

**1 Pt. 1:8** *Though you have not seen Him, you love Him; and even though you do not see Him now, you believe in Him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls. (NIV)*

Faith: The Greek word used here is **pisteos** which means *coming to a complete trust and confidence in something*. **Heb. 1:11** *Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. (NIV)*

In this letter from the apostle Peter, we see a forceful tone to the fact that many believers were living a bit hesitantly for their faith. Peter is encouraging them to walk in a manner that shows that what they believe is absolutely true. Though you have not seen Him, you love Him. This is where we must also walk by faith.

In the same way, Paul had exhorted Timothy to do the same. **2 Tim. 1:12** *That is why I am suffering as I am. Yet this is no cause for shame, because I know Whom I have believed, and am convinced that He is able to guard what I have entrusted to Him until that day. (NIV)* We walk by faith in Him every single day. When you put your trust in Jesus Christ, you then get to experience the end result of your faith, the gift of salvation. And because of this gift, you can now live for Him instead of for yourself. You can freely give because you have freely received. And there is no greater joy than seeing that your faithfulness and sharing of the gospel will bring countless souls into the Kingdom. This life of surrender by faith also fills us with a joy that is inexpressible and glorious. This is not something that you can 'fake' or 'put on.' This is an outward manifestation of the Spirit of the LORD that now dwells within you. Let's make sure today that we are walking faithfully and sharing consistently, the love of God. We are His workmanship. We are His ambassadors. We are His children. Let's be faithful.

**Dear LORD, take this abundant life that You have given us, and explode it in such a way that we make a huge impact on those around us. Help us to be faithful in word and deed, and share the gospel with joy. In Jesus Name, Amen**