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

1 Pt. 1:8-9 *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)*

Many times we are bound by our physical limitations. Skeptics may ask you, “how can you believe in a God that you’ve never seen or heard?” “How do you know He really rose from the dead?” Well, let’s let God’s word answer those questions. In today’s passage, we are reminded that even though we have not physically seen Him, doesn’t mean He wasn’t there. There are many things I cannot see with my physical eyes, but I know they are true. Have you ever seen the electrons that are moving continuously in your body? I dare say you have not unless you happen to own your personal electron microscope. Have you seen gravity? No, but you have seen and experienced the results of it. As I’ve said before and I will continue to say it: many think ‘seeing is believing’ but I say, ‘believing is seeing.’ A great example comes from the heart of Job in **Job 19:25** *I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end He will stand on the earth. (NIV)*

Jesus gave a beautiful example to Nicodemus in **John 3:8** *“The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.” (NIV)* I love the chorus of the old hymn, *He Lives*, by **Alfred H. Ackley**,

*He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me, Along life’s narrow way.
He lives, He lives, salvation to impart,
You ask me how I know He lives: He lives within my heart.*

Dear LORD, I have not seen you yet, but I know You are with me. You speak to me daily and You meet my every need. Praise be to the King of kings and the LORD of lords. In Jesus Name, Amen