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

Ps. 33:20-22 *We wait in hope for the LORD; He is our help and our shield. In Him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in His holy name. May Your unfailing love be with us, LORD, even as we put our hope in You!* (NIV)

In a world that seems to have lost its way, this Psalm bring out the purest of hope and praise to the God Who is in complete control. **Derek Kidner** puts it this way: *“If the purest form of a hymn is praise to God for what He is and does, this is a fine example.”* Now the psalmist reminds us to wait. Most people hate to wait. We are an ‘instant’ generation. We want something and we want it now. It is like comedian **Brian Regan** says, *“If you need to zap a pop tart in the microwave for two and a half seconds to get out the door, you might want to free up your schedule a bit.”* Waiting reminds us that the timing of everything is in the LORD’s hands. He knows when everything needs to happen and He will most assuredly watch over the timing of every action and deed. There may be times in your life where you have questioned the LORD’s timing and presence. It is like **Stan Toler** states in his book by the same title: *God Is Never Late; He’s Seldom Early; He’s Always Right On Time.* When we consider the scope of all that God is and all that He does, it should remind us as **Isa. 55:8-11** states: *“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways,” declares the LORD. “As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts. As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so is My word that goes out from My mouth: It will not return to Me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.* (NIV) When we do wait on the LORD, He will surely provide for us in His timing and as Isaiah stated in **Isa. 40:30-31** *Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.* (NIV)

Dear LORD, help us to not grow weary and impatient. We know that You hold all things in Your hands. Your timing is perfect when ours is not. Remind us that You love us more than anyone else ever could and Your plans for us are to not harm us, but to give us hope. In Jesus Name, Amen