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JESUS CHRIST, OUR SPACIOUS PLACE

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Spacious Place

Psalms 118:5
When hard pressed, I cried to the Lord ; he brought me into a spacious place.

Psalms 18:19
He brought me out into a spacious place; he rescued me because he delighted in me.

"Merchab" is a Hebrew word translated as "spacious place". It means "to breathe freely, to revive, to have ample room, or to be refreshed." Are you hard-pressed? Do you feel your back is against the wall? Do you think you are in a hopeless situation? There is a way to get out of that situation, and it is all because of God's love for you. The Psalmist tells us that when he cried to the Lord when he was hard pressed, God was able to bring him into a spacious place, a place of rest, of freedom, or liberty, because God delighted in him. The Apostle Peter encourages us in 1 Peter 5:7 (NIV) to "Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you." But wait, there is more.

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In Him We Live

Acts 17:28
'For in him we live and move and have our being.' As some of your own poets have said, 'We are his offspring.'

In Jesus Christ, God has moved believers out of narrow, confining places of sin, hopelessness, and distress into a broad, open space of freedom, grace, peace, and rest. In Christ, we ought to live and move and have our being, for we are the redeemed of the Lord! When life feels heavy, anxious, or overwhelmed by sin or circumstance, we feel trapped in a corner. However, through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, God offers us deliverance and brings us into an open place of hope and peace where we can breathe and thrive. Jesus is our spacious place if we continue to abide in Him. May we continue to depend on the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and be in constant fellowship with the Holy Spirit to always remain in this spacious place. Amen!

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