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The Lord wants you to experience real and abundant life:

Dt. 4:29 *But if from there you seek the LORD your God, you will find Him if you seek Him with all your heart and with all your soul. (NIV)*

Do you truly desire to take hold of all that the LORD has in store for you? Do you want to experience all of Him? Do you desire to walk in Him, abide in Him and live in His presence continually? We are a fickle people. We want His blessings, but not His Lordship. We want Him to protect us, but we walk outside the parameters that He has placed there for our protection. In today's passage we see two big 'ifs.' But *if* from there. Moses was warning the people that when they went into the land that the LORD had given them, they were to seek Him and not their own desires or the gods of the people who were currently living in that land. They were to consecrate themselves to follow Him and His statutes that He had given them. And secondly, *if* you seek Him with all your heart and with all your soul, you will find Him. Now let me be clear. The LORD is not hiding somewhere far away. He is not demanding that you go looking for Him in remote places. He is simply reminding us that He has already given us everything that we need to follow Him. His word is steadfast, and He will bring everything to pass just as He has said. The real issue is me. Will I seek Him? Will I seek His mind and His will? Will I seek Him with all of my heart and with all of my soul (my mind, will, and emotions)?

And the blessing of seeking Him is that you will *find* Him. He is not hiding. He is not trying to stay away from you. He has been there all along. We just needed to open our spiritual eyes to see and know that He is right here. He has always been right here. He will always be right here.

James 4:8 *Come near to God and He will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. (NIV)*

Dear LORD, help us to seek You. Help us to draw near to You. Give us the desire to live and abide in Your presence and experience Your life. In Jesus Name, Amen