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The Lord wants you to experience real and abundant life:

Mt. 16:25 *For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for Me will find it.* (NIV)

We all come into this world with the desire of self-preservation. We feel like we have to take care of ourselves and decide how and what to do. The problem with this is we are all prone to selfishness and sin. This will not draw us closer to the LORD. In fact, it tends to push us farther and farther away from Him. When Jesus was making this statement, He was certainly telling those that would listen that if they lived trying to save themselves, they would surely fail.

We are not able to save ourselves because we have all sinned and fallen short of God's glory. No one is perfect, no not one. The selfish desires direct us to exist, while living in Christ directs us to die to self and be alive unto Him.

But the second part of this verse is the key to abundant and meaningful life. When we give up our wants and desires and replace them with His, we will certainly find the real life that He has for us. We will walk in the Spirit. We will see others as He does. We will love with His unconditional love. We will reach out to those who are hurting and lost. We will truly begin to be the salt and light that He is calling us to be.

Dear LORD, You alone are life. We will not find it in any other person or place. We will find it in You. Help us to submit our minds, wills and emotions to You completely. In Jesus Name, Amen