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The Lord wants you to experience real and abundant life:

1 John 5:3-5 *In fact, this is love for God: to keep His commands. And His commands are not burdensome, for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. (NIV)*

As we walk in the presence of God, we are motivated to do what He has said for us to do. This obedience is the hallmark of our faith. When we love God, we will want to do what He says and follow His commands. Our desires become more and more His desires. What seemed once to be difficult, starts to become easier. We see that the purpose for the commands are always motivated by God's love for us. When we received His life at salvation, we also received a new heart and a new mind. The prophet put it this way in **Jer. 31:33** *"This is the covenant I will make with My people," declares the LORD. "I will put My law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be My people."* (NIV) When we love God, we will want to obey Him and please Him. His commands are not burdensome to us, but full of life. They lead us closer and closer to the heart of the Father.

When we are born of God, we also experience the power of real life. This is the power to overcome. The Greek term is **nika** which means to conquer, prevail or be victorious. The picture that anyone born of God could be defeated is foreign to the thoughts of John and it should be to us as well. We have the power of the Almighty God resident within us by His Holy Spirit. **Phil. 4:13** *I can do all this through Him Who give me strength. (NIV)*

As we walk in obedience, our faith grows. It causes us to trust in the Word of God so that we can walk in the way of God. **Mt. 11:28-30** *"Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and my burden is light. (NIV)* Dear LORD, help us to trust You and follow Your commands so that we can overcome the pitfalls of this life and walk in the victory that You have already won for us. In Jesus Name, Amen