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The Lord wants you to experience real and abundant life:

Gal. 5:25 *Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.* (NIV)

To pick up where we left off yesterday, to live in the Spirit, we must rely on the Holy Spirit's provisions. We all have a choice, continuously. We can live in the flesh (not recommended) or we can live in the power of the Holy Spirit. It is futile and sinful to live by the flesh. You cannot live according to the Spirit if you are living in the flesh. They don't mix. It's like pouring oil into water. To live in the Spirit, we must walk in His way and listen to His voice.

As a young boy living on the farm, I would often see where my Grandpa had walked through a wet patch in the field. I would then see if I could walk right in His footprints. His stride was much longer than mine, but I would try my best to not step outside of His footprints. In the same way, we must focus on where the LORD is going and walk in His way and not our own. **2 Cor. 3:5-6** *"Not that we are competent in ourselves to claim anything for ourselves, but our competence comes from God. He has made us competent as ministers of a new covenant--not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life."* (NIV)

Walking in His footsteps, allows us to experience the Spirit and the life that He gives. **Col. 1:9-11** *"For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of His will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please Him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to His glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience."* (NIV) This type of walking in the Spirit produces victory over sin and the flesh. It also is fruitful in our work for Him. And ultimately, it produces peace and confidence.

Dear LORD, help Your steps to become our steps. We must focus on where You are going and what You are doing. We must learn from the hands of the Master. In Jesus Name, Amen