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The Lord wants you to experience real and abundant life:

Mt. 19:26 *Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, butwith God all things are possible.* (NIV)

This is the concluding scripture about the ‘rich young ruler.’ He chose not to sell everything that he had and come follow Jesus. For you see that following Jesus means following Him and Him alone. You can’t follow Him and... anything else. Either He is LORD of your life, or He isn’t. Split decision and hung jury are just a couple of instances where people cannot make up their minds. Actually, they can’t make up their ‘will.’ In other words, they are caught between a ‘rock and a hard place.’ This is what scripture calls a ‘double-minded’ person. **James 1:5-8 *If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask of God, Who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. That person should not expect to receive anything form the Lord. Such a person is double-minded and unstable in all they do.*** (NIV) The issue is this: if you are going to believe God, then believe. If not, it would be better that you never tried to follow Him because your unstable mind will end up leading others in the same path.

It is time for us to follow His lead one hundred percent. We must not hold back or ‘waffle’ about what we believe. Recall the prophet Elijah as he challenged the people to make up their minds. Either God is the LORD or Baal is god. **1 Kings 18:21 *Elijah went before the people and said, “How long will you waver between two opinions? If the LORD is God, follow Him; but if Baal is god, follow him.” But the people said nothing.*** (NIV) How tragic that no one shouted out that they would follow God. The people were wavering. They were ‘double-minded.’ No one could have said it better than Joshua in **Joshua 24:15 *But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.*** (NIV) Joshua had a made-up mind. How about you?

Dear LORD, help us to choose You and You alone. You are the One and Only God. We will follow You today and every day. In Jesus Name, Amen