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The Lord wants you to experience real and abundant life:

***Eph. 2:19-22* Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of His household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus Himself as the chief cornerstone. In Him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in Him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by His Spirit. (NIV)**

Whenever you feel unloved, unimportant or insecure, remember to Whom you belong. We are now fellow citizens and members of His household. Because of what Jesus has done for us, we are redeemed, adopted and brought into His family or His household. The Greek word here is **oikeios** which means we are now blood related. We are blood-bought children of the King! We were once alienated, foreigners, and strangers, lost in this world. Now we are His and His alone. This is why God's grace is so amazing! And, since Jesus is the chief cornerstone, we must make sure that we are in line with Him so that the foundation we are laying will be solid and firm. Our children depend on this. Our friends need this. Our nation desperately needs this. We are being built upon a cornerstone that is never changing and always perfect. If we but follow Him, stay in line with Him, then nothing can shake us. Since the cornerstone is set, if we but live and dwell in Him, the whole building is joined and becomes a Holy temple in the LORD. In Him, we are being built together as the place where God chooses to dwell. What an amazing understanding this is. He has chosen to live and abide in us. Our choice is critical for us, for our children, for our nation and for this world. Let us heed the words of Joshua as he challenged the children of Israel: **Josh. 24:14-15** ***"Now fear the Lord and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your ancestors worshiped beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. 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)

Dear LORD, I pray that we will choose to live in line with You and build upon the firm foundation and Chief cornerstone of Jesus Christ our Lord. In Jesus Name, Amen