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The Lord wants you to experience real and abundant life:

Ps. 42:1 *As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for You, my God. (NIV)*

As we draw close to the end of this year's devotionals, I stopped today to think about the way the LORD has spoken to me and I hope to you as well. Some 1,098 devotionals and three years later, I can truthfully say that God has blessed me to the max. And, I want to continue to write devotionals daily, as long as I can and He enables me to.

Today's verse is a reminder to me of how I am to come to Him each day. I don't just sit and expect the Lord to speak. I must desire Him more than anything else. As a deer pants for water is a picture of one who has been running from its adversary and is dying for the water to refresh itself. I want to be like that daily. Lord, I want to be so very thirsty for You to speak to me. For this to happen, I must continually die to myself and be made alive to You. I want to dwell in Your presence constantly. I want You more than life itself. This is the culmination of living in His presence and dwelling in His company.

Let me challenge you and myself to abide; to stay and not leave, so that His life can fill my life. That's the only way others will be able to know He is really real. His life in you and in me.

Dear LORD, I want to dwell in Your presence today and every day that You give to me. I want to rest in the knowledge of Your Word. I want to be filled completely by Your Holy Spirit. In Jesus Name, Amen