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The Lord wants you to experience real and abundant life:

Gal. 5:22-23 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. (NIV)

The seventh fruit that we have, because of the Spirit living within us, is faithfulness! The Greek word is **pistis** which means *trust, belief and full of faith*. The LORD is perfectly faithful because He is perfect in all of His ways. I believe faithfulness to be one of the most important characteristics of the Father. In every way, the LORD is always faithful; faithful to do what He has said; faithful to complete what He has started. The LORD does not bring us to the point of salvation and then cease, but instead He works out that salvation in us through sanctification so that we can become more like Jesus every day. Paul reminded the church in Philippi of this very truth in **Phil. 1:6 *being confident of this, that He Who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.*** (NIV)

The LORD is faithful in everything He says, and He does. It is His very nature, and He cannot go against this nature because this is Who He is: Faithful Father. There is no other characteristic more telling and proof of His faithfulness than His very Word. Jesus reminds us of this in **Matt. 5:18 *For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished.*** (NIV)

When we look into His Word daily, we are reminded again and again that He is faithful. And because His Spirit now lives within us, we are to also be faithful. Just a few verses later in **Mt. 5:37**, Jesus told those who would listen, “***All you need to say is simply ‘Yes’ or ‘No’ anything beyond this comes from the evil one.*** (NIV) Do you see how incredibly important it is for us to model faithfulness for those who know us and see us. We cannot be hypocrites because that is the opposite of the character of God that we are filled with. Don’t leave room for doubt, but instead be full of His faithfulness.

Dear LORD, thank You that You are always faithful. It is Who You are. We find peace and stability in knowing that You will always be faithful to us. Please help us to be faithful as well. Let our ‘yes’ be ‘yes’ and our ‘no’ be ‘no.’ In Jesus Name, Amen