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The Lord wants you to experience real and abundant life:

Lam. 3:22-23 *Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness.* **(NIV)**

One of the blessings we have from this abundant life is that it is constant. Our passage reminds us that the LORD's love and compassion are continual and daily received. This daily life is something that Jesus reminded His disciples about in **Luke 9:23** *The He said to them all: "Whoever wants to be My disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow Me."* **(NIV)**

This is one of the keys to abundant life that allows us to experience this kind of life. It is the consistent choice to walk in His presence every day, all day long. I think that many people treat their relationship with the LORD like a refueling stop at the gas station. They pull in to get 'filled up' with His presence, but never stop. They just keep circling the 'pump' hoping that somehow they can get the 'gas' that they need. Many years ago, my youth pastor taught me the invaluable lesson of a daily time with the LORD and His Word. This means being faithful to spend time in His Word and in His presence. It means: *"Be still, and know that I Am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."* **Ps. 46:10 (NIV)** Too often we want to be filled up with His Spirit, but we don't want to stop long enough to get refueled; and so, we run on spiritual fumes until we finally run out of 'spiritual gas.' As a result, we feel stranded along life's road instead of cruising down the daily path that He has marked out for us. His Word and His presence are 'new' every morning and His faithfulness is greater than we will ever be able to imagine this side of glory!

Dear LORD, thank You that You are faithful every day, all day long. You will always be faithful. We can trust in You and Your Word. Help us to walk in Your presence today and enjoy the refreshing breath of Your Spirit. In Jesus Name, Amen