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The Lord wants you to experience real and abundant life:

Dt. 31:6 Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you. (NIV)

These words of Moses were spoken to all of Israel as they were preparing to go into the land that the LORD had promised them. Moses knew that these people needed to be encouraged because they had for so long been wandering in the desert. These Bedouin people had become nomads, going from place to place to find pasture for their animals and water for their people. They had no home. They had no place to call their own. But now Moses is telling them that it is time to take what the LORD had already given them. This is a beautiful picture of the abundance of life that He wants all of us to know, understand and experience. They would be leaving a barren place where water was scarce and pasture hard to find. And just listen to the preceding verses **3-5** ***The Lord your God Himself will cross over ahead of you. He will destroy these nations before you, and you will take possession of their land. Joshua also will cross over ahead of you, as the Lord said. And the Lord will do to them what He did to Sihon and Og, the kings of the Amorites, whom he destroyed along with their land. The Lord will deliver them to you, and you must do to them all that I have commanded you. (NIV)***

And then Moses gives this wonderful charge to his people: ***Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you.*** That promise is still true today because He is the same yesterday, today and forever.

Dear LORD, our hope is completely in You, our Rock and Redeemer. You will always go with us, and You will never, ever leave us alone. Oh, what a glorious promise this is for us! In Jesus Name, Amen