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The Lord wants you to experience real and abundant life:

John 1:12-13 *Yet to all who did receive Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God—children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God. (NIV)*

Who is your Father? No, I'm not asking who your physical father is; I'm asking Who your Spiritual Father is. Have you been adopted into His family? The truth is that the LORD wants to be everyone's Father. He desires to have you as His child. But there are billions of people who have not yet accepted Him. They continue down a road that leads to destruction. They are blind to His presence and deaf to His call. They are going through the motions of life, but they have not yet experienced it. There are many who are religious, but they have no relationship with the Father. Scripture shares a key example of this when Jesus was confronted by the Pharisees in **John 1:42-47** *Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I have come here from God. I have not come on my own; God sent Me. Why is my language not clear to you? Because you are unable to hear what I say. You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies. Yet because I tell the truth, you do not believe Me! Can any of you prove Me guilty of sin? If I am telling the truth, why don't you believe Me? Whoever belongs to God hears what God says. The reason you do not hear is that you do not belong to God." (NIV)*

And so, this begs the question again; who is your Father? The only way to experience true and abundant life in this world is to know Jesus as your personal Lord and Savior. He is the One Who offered up His life as a sacrifice for you. It does not come from a religious teaching or a dogma that is put forward from the minds of men, but only by being born again. If you read through **John 3**, you will see that Nicodemus, as a leader of the Pharisees, was having the same difficulty understanding this. Jesus told him that he must be born again. We are born once in a physical sense, but have you been born of the Spirit? It is there that you will begin to truly live!

Dear Father, You have provided a way for us to live. The way is through Jesus and His sacrifice for us. You desire for us to come to repentance and be adopted into Your family. Help anyone who doesn't know You to understand that they can come to You and receive eternal and abundant life. Thank You LORD. In Jesus Name, Amen