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The Lord wants you to experience real and abundant life:

2 Tim. 2:11-13 Here is a trustworthy saying: If we died with Him, we will also live with Him; if we endure, we will also reign with Him. If we disown Him, He will also disown us; if we are faithless, He remains faithful, for He cannot disown Himself. (NIV)

As Paul is writing to Timothy, his 'son in the ministry,' he is reminding him of the words of an early Christian song that was sung in the meetings of the church. There is a promise of eternal life after death but also real, abundant life as we die to ourselves. When we choose to follow Jesus as our LORD, it means that He is control and we are not. We have submitted ourselves to His mind, His direction, His leadership and His reign over us. **1 Cor. 6:19-20 *Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, Who is in you, Whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies. (NIV)***

And because we are now His, we also reap the benefits of His ownership. We will be with Him, live with Him, and reign with Him. Now I don't know all that entails, but I do know, if God is for us, who can be against us? We are also reminded that we should never disown Him or be like those with no faith. We can make those choices. We do have a free will, but He is bound by His own goodness and faithfulness. In other words, we may let Him down or others, but He will never let us down. He is the perfect representative of faithful. He has always been that way and He always will be. Praise God!

Dear LORD, thank You that someday, we will reign with You because You are faithful. You have given us Your Word, Jesus Christ, Who paid our sin debt. Help us to walk by faith, not by sight. In Jesus Name, Amen