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The Lord wants you to experience real and abundant life:

Isa. 58:11 *The LORD will guide you always; He will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame. You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail.* (NIV)

The prophet Isaiah shares some important words for us today and every day. He begins by reminding us of the provision of our LORD. He will guide you always. The Hebrew word here literally means continually. He will never stop. Now we may choose to not follow Him, which would be either ignorant or rebellious. But He will continue to guide you. His plans and His ways are always laid out for us to follow. You might be wondering how we can know what His will or His plan is. The easiest way is by asking Him and by listening to what His Spirit says through the word of God. **Jer. 29:13** *You will seek Me and find Me when you seek me with all your heart.* (NIV) The LORD is not hard to reach or hiding so that we cannot find Him. He is as close as the mention of His name.

Not only will He guide you, but He will also satisfy your needs and strengthen you. Again, He is always concerned and will make sure His children are taken care of. Jesus reminded those on the side of a mountain one day about the loving provision of the Father. **Mt. 6:25-33** *“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life? “And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will He not much more clothe you—you of little faith? So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”* (NIV)

Dear LORD, You came that we could experience real life. You will guide us and strengthen us by Your power and wisdom. Help us to trust You and follow what You have for us. Help us to seek You moment by moment. In Jesus Name, Amen