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The Lord wants you to experience real and abundant life:

Jer. 33:3 *Call to Me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know. (NIV)*

One of the first actions for us to experience abundant life is to call out to the LORD. Now this should not be a reactive call, but a call that comes from a sincere heart that is trusting in the LORD completely. In James 4:2-3 we are reminded: ***You desire but do not have, so you kill. You covet but you cannot get what you want, so you quarrel and fight. You do not have because you do not ask God. When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures. (NIV)*** Wow, I wish James would just come out and say what he really thinks! And yet, this is the fallen nature of mankind. We are a selfish lot. We want what we want, when we want it. So, you might be asking yourself, ‘why should I then call upon the LORD?’ Well, here is the truth of the matter. To experience abundant and ‘real’ life, we must be in a right relationship with the LORD. Many cry out to Him in their troubles when they have never called out to Him with a pure desire to draw close to Him and to know Him. We must first have real faith. As **Heb. 11:6** states: ***And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who come to Him must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who earnestly seek Him. (NIV)***

Unfortunately, most people only call out to God as a last resort. The LORD should never be held in that position in anyone’s life. He deserves to be first in every area of our lives. He is LORD! He’s not some magic genie that we can summon to get us out of a scrape. He is LORD of all. **Eph. 3:20 *Now to Him Who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen! (NIV)***

Dear LORD, help us to call upon You with sincere hearts that are desiring You above all things. You are truly the only One Who can meet and supply all of our needs. In Jesus Name, Amen