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The Lord wants you to experience real and abundant life:

Ps. 30:5 For His anger lasts only a moment, but His favor lasts a lifetime; weeping may stay for the night, but rejoicing comes in the morning. (NIV)

There are some things that bring out the righteous anger of the LORD. He is angry when people know what they are supposed to do and then choose not to do it. He is angry that they have spurned His good will for them, and in place have chosen to follow their own sinful desires. But as we choose to walk in obedience, He then pours out His favor, and He will continue to do so. He is a forgiving and loving Father.

There are many things that bring us to a point of weeping. Just this morning, I heard of a tragic death of one of the young men here in this town that my family is very close to. And it has brought us all to tears. This is when many ask, why? But I do know this, that God is always faithful. He is faithful to call out to everyone. He is faithful to forgive those who will turn to Him. He is faithful to be with those who will cast their cares on Him. It seems in these times, that everything is dark and that there is no hope. But there is. Just when it seems that things couldn't get any worse, He steps in to bring us the hope and joy that we need. We have all spent nights where there was no sleep; no rest; no hope. And yet with the dawn, the LORD comes with His power and reminds us that He is here for us and that He loves us more than anyone could ever love us. And in the midst of deep sorrow, there is a pure and true joy that is only found in His embrace. Allow Him to wrap His arms around you today. You are His treasure and His great love. He will never leave you nor forsake you. He will always hold you.

Dear LORD, thank You that You are always with us and that You always will be. You will never turn your back on Your children. We call upon You for Your strength in times of trouble. In Jesus Name, Amen