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The Lord wants you to experience real and abundant life:

Mt. 5:16 *In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. (NIV)*

We are circling back to the ‘sermon on the mount’ today to look at another aspect of living the abundant life that He has for us. It is found in the word ‘light.’ The Greek word is **phos** which means the source of illumination. It is not the light itself, but the origin of it. It cannot shine for others to see if it has not first been ignited. There are many who walk around claiming to have seen the light or to have the light, but their souls are still dark, and they walk in the ways of this world. They try to magnify the light, but to no avail. They fail to realize that the only source of this light is THE LIGHT HIMSELF. Unless you are found in Him, you have not yet experienced and received His light. Listen to what **1 John 1:5-7** says: *This is the message we have heard from Him and declare to you: God is light; in Him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son, purifies us from all sin. (NIV)*

Without the **light** of God, you cannot live the **life** of God. You cannot manufacture it nor can you ‘fake it.’ You either have it (which comes from Him alone through salvation), or you don’t. His light illuminates our path and shows us the things that we once could not see. It is His wisdom brought to a place of our understanding. Jesus had just told His disciples that they were the ‘light of the world.’

In the same manner, we who know Christ and have Him in our lives, are the light of the world. Paul picks up on this in **2 Cor. 5:20** *We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making His appeal through us. We implore you on Christ’s behalf: Be reconciled to God. (NIV)* So we are to let our light shine.

Dear LORD, You are light. You brought Your light into our hearts at salvation. We can now see what we once could not. Thank You LORD for Your light. Help us to let it shine for You and Your glory. In Jesus Name, Amen