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The Lord wants you to experience real and abundant life:

**Ps. 42:1** *As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for You, my God. (NIV)*

One aspect of living the abundant life that the LORD has given you, is that you become more and more thirsty to hear the truth of His Word and to drink of the living water that we have in Him. You can gauge where you are in your spiritual walk by what you are taking in. You can fill yourself with the empty philosophies of this world or you can ingest the wonderful words of God's wisdom and direction for you.

I know some people that sit for hours and watch the news. The end result is that they are upset and angry about how things are going on the world front. No matter what political persuasion you may have, you will see others that continually argue their point of view. And what is the product of all of this? Now I understand that we need to be involved, and I am. We need to know what is going on, and I do. But it does not control my life and I don't devote hours to watching debates and perspectives projected. We can get so side-tracked by these things when they are only temporal and fleeting.

The psalmist reminds us that we should be thirsty for the LORD and His direction for us. I believe if we spent as much time in His word rather than listening to the countless hours of debate on the national news, we would be able to see things from the correct perspective. When you walk in the LORD, you will begin to see things from His point of view, and you will desire to tell people about His great love. Pushing a political agenda will never save anyone. Pushing the Giver of eternal life, will. Let's spend more time today in His word rather than listening to the prognosticators and their thoughts. His ways are higher than my ways and His thoughts higher than my thoughts.

**Dear LORD, We need You. We need Your wisdom. We need to look to you because You are the answer to all of this world's problems. Help us to meditate on Your word, hide it in our hearts and speak it to each other. In Jesus Name, Amen**