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The Lord wants you to experience real and abundant life:

1 John 5:4-5 *For everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God. (NIV)*

John reminds anyone who has accepted Jesus Christ as their Savior is now in a different relationship with Him. It is not knowing about Him, but knowing Him, in a deep and personal way. Jesus had reminded Nicodemus that he must be 'born again.' Now look at what John says about those that are born of God. They are now overcomers. The Greek word is **nika** which means *to conquer, prevail, subdue and be victorious*. Now how does that show itself in our lives? We are no longer slaves to sin, but instead, we have been empowered by the very Spirit of God, to walk and live in victory. Paul puts it like this in his letter to Ephesus: **Eph. 4:14** *Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. (NIV)*

Because you now have the LORD of all living inside of you, you do not have to live any longer like you did before you accepted Him; living a selfish life that has no permanent foundation. Instead, you can walk in the light as He is in the light, and you can enjoy the fellowship of the Father. It is there in His presence, that we find real life. We can grow in Him and abide in Him. He so desires for us to enjoy this life of abundance. He wants to pour out His blessings on those who are obedient.

Take a moment today and just meditate on the fact that the Maker of all things wants to spend time with you. He's not just some famous star, or athlete or even dignitary, but He is LORD! And He is waiting for you to come home to the Father. Will you come home? Will you find your rest and peace in Him?

Dear LORD, You are our loving Father and You desire for us to dwell in Your presence today. Help us to keep our eyes and hearts on You. Give us strength today to walk where you want us to walk and live in your love and care. In Jesus Name, Amen