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The Lord wants you to experience real and abundant life:

Habakkuk 2:4 See, the enemy is puffed up; his desires are not upright—but the righteous person will live by his faithfulness. (NIV)

We know that scripture reminds us that pride goes before the fall. The evil one is full of his own pride, and he will someday soon, fall for eternity. There are many people in this world that are full of themselves because of their achievements or their affluence. They think they have what they have because of their own abilities. But all of these 'things' will pass away. There will be a day when every billionaire, every industrial mogul, every Hollywood actor or actress, and political icon will stand before the King of kings and the LORD of lords. On that day, everything they accomplished because of their selfishness will be shown for what it is. They did everything they have done to please themselves. They made no room for the LORD of all. Pride is everywhere and takes all manner of shapes. This is certainly a universal sin because every person is tempted by it. Even those that are religious can be caught up in this self-righteousness.

In contrast to the prideful, we find the humble one who is living by faith. It is faith that reminds us that everything we need is not met by our own hand or ability, but by the giver of all good things. Anything that we could do on our own or devise by our own plans will crumble and fall. What comes from the hand of God, will last forever. We must seek Him in all of our ways. He is longing for us to walk with Him and bask in His presence. He will lead us in the path that we are to go.

Dear LORD, no one is wise like You. You alone are righteous and faithful. Help us to die to our pride and instead, draw close to You and keep our eyes fixed on You. In Jesus Name, Amen