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The Lord wants you to experience real and abundant life:

**Ps. 118:8 *It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in humans. (NIV)***

I love Chuck Missler. He was one of the most fascinating and brilliant teachers I've ever listened to. One of the things that I enjoyed was his intentional look into the actual words of the Bible. Here is one example. Psalm 118 is the middle of the entire Bible. Psalm 117 is the shortest chapter in the Bible and Psalm 119 is the longest chapter. There are 594 chapters before and after Psalm 118. If you add up all of the chapters in the Bible, except for Psalm 118, it totals 1188 chapters. Today's verse is the exact center of God's word. And what a great word it is! And no, there are no coincidences in His word. **Mt. 5:18 *For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. (NIV)***

Simple, plain and to the point, today's verse reminds us to take refuge in the LORD. He is our rock and our fortress. He is our 'hiding place.' He will protect us, watch over us, sustain us in times of trouble. He will give to us, everything that we need. He is Jehovah Jireh. Now the LORD is not saying that we can't trust anyone. There are many people in my life that have earned my trust. I know I can count on them to pray for me, encourage me and even correct me when I'm wrong. But in comparison, there is no One like our LORD. Sooner or later, people that you have put your trust in will fail you because we are all flawed. We are sinful and prideful and selfish in our nature. But oh, how perfectly faithful is our Father. He will never, ever fail us. I can tell you that He will always be there for you. He is as close to you as you will let Him be. He is ready to answer your very call. He will walk with you each and every day if you will let Him. You are His heart's desire. He has done everything for you.

**Dear LORD, help us to hunger and thirst for Your Word daily. We must never take for granted the inspiration of the Holy Spirit as You speak to us daily. Thank You for Your inspired, inerrant and reliable Word! In Jesus Name, Amen**