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The Lord wants you to experience real and abundant life:

***Mt. 20:26-28 Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave—just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” (NIV)***

Here, Jesus shares a paradox with His disciples. Most people believe that there is something in this world that will meet their needs and make them whole, but to their chagrin, they find out that what they thought was ‘it’ fails to fulfill them, miserably. Again, it is with the LORD. To save your life, you must give it up. When we come to Him and offer ourselves as living sacrifices, He then in turn, takes us, molds us into the likeness of Christ and then uses us to bring glory to the LORD. As Christians, we were saved to serve, and we are given the gifts of the Spirit to fuel us and direct our ways. These are coming from Him and for Him. He empowers us to bring these gifts to the table as we enjoy His presence and abide in Him.

God does not ask you to do what He hasn’t already equipped you for. It is by His leading, equipping and empowering, that we can do all of the things that He has in store for us to do. We all have a purpose in the body of Christ. I am amazed at all of the Christians that I’ve spoken to who have no idea what they are supposed to be doing to edify and build up the body of Christ. They just float along the river of existence when they could be enjoying the refreshing of the river of life. Many just come, sit and soak. But, because they are distracted by the world, their gifts become stale and useless.

The LORD has given us everything that we need to do the jobs that He in store for us. And, when we walk in Him, He blesses the work and fills us with joy in the completion of each task. Let’s walk and work in the LORD so that He will be exalted among the people.

**Dear LORD, we need to completely give of ourselves to Your control so that You can work in us and through us. In Jesus Name, Amen**