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Because God is loyal and faithful

**Ps. 16:2 *I say to the LORD, “You are my LORD; apart from You I have no good thing.”***

Black and white. Up and down. Right or left. North and South. What are these things? They are completely opposites. They are diametrically opposed. Right can never be left nor can black be white. This world is trying to persuade us that there is no real right or wrong. “What is right for you may not be right for me” they say. The problem with this is to believe it, you must divorce yourself from concrete facts. Philosophies have always tried to manipulate the truth and call it a choice. Life in the womb is not a choice, it’s a life. It doesn’t become a life simply because it has left the safety of the womb. Now you might be wondering where I’m headed with this. Well, it relates to this very passage. You see apart from God; we have no footings; no boundaries; no right or wrong. That is what the evil one wants to bring to pass for all people. He wants to blur the boundaries and he’s been at it for a long time. He began in the garden with his questioning of Adam and Eve - **Gen. 3:1-5** *Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from the tree in the garden’?” The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, but God did say, ‘You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.’” “You will not certainly die,” the serpent said to the woman. “For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”* Now think about this for the moment. The evil one began to try and blur the lines, sowing seeds of doubt, twisting the truth into lies. That’s what he does. Did Adam and Eve eat of the tree? Yes. Did they die? Yes, just like God had said. When you think about it, the only thing they received from eating of the tree was the knowledge of evil. They already had the knowledge of good because they dwelt in the perfect presence of God. We cannot live apart from the LORD and imagine that we could ever receive anything good. It will never happen.

**Dear LORD, help us to run to You. We must fix our eyes on You and Your Word. What you say and Who You are is truth. Apart from You LORD, we have nothing good. We praise You LORD. In Jesus Name, Amen**