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The Lord wants you to experience real and abundant life:

Psalm 30:5 For His anger lasts only a moment, but His favor lasts a lifetime; weeping may stay for the night, but rejoicing comes in the morning. (NIV)

Walking in abundant life comes from a life filled with praise. David gives us many reasons to praise in Psalm 30. In this verse he is reminding us that there are things that make the LORD angry, but there is so much more that brings Him joy and that joy then overflows to us. I have had many nights that were spent in prayer because of my disobedience and my foolish choices. I've cried with my family, my friends and all by myself. I've felt like I've disappointed my Father and let those closest to me down. But, as I confess and repent, He is faithful to forgive and cleanse. And as this happens, there is an overwhelming joy that begins to reign in my heart.

David knew this well. He had sinned and let the Father down. He had committed grievous sins that brought shame to him, to Israel and to the future of his family. He lived with this in his heart for too long. And finally, God confronted him through the prophet Nathan in 2 Sam. 12. Totally broken in spirit, David cries out to the LORD in confession of his sin. In this moment of repentance David asks the LORD to: ***Ps. 51:10-11 Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit in me. Do not cast me from Your presence or take Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. (NIV)***

If you are hurting or feel like your relationship with the LORD is strained, simply confess your sin to Him. He already knows what you have done. You cannot hide your sin from Him. And then repent of your sin. This is turning away from it and turning to Him. And, parenthetically, He will give you the strength to continue in His path rather than your own.

Dear LORD, create in us a new heart and renew a steadfast Spirit in us. Restore the joy of our salvation. Help us to daily walk in Your love and Your direction. You are what we really need in every situation. In Jesus Name, Amen