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The Lord wants you to experience real and abundant life:

Mt. 21:21-22 *Jesus replied, “Truly I tell you, if you have faith and do not doubt, not only can you do what was done to the fig tree, but also you can say to this mountain, ‘Go, throw yourself into the sea,’ and it will be done. If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer.”* (NIV)

I have often been surprised and even somewhat amused at how many people treat the statements of the LORD. When Jesus was speaking to His disciples that day, He had cursed the fig tree and it had immediately withered because it had borne no fruit. When some people read this, they automatically surmise, what many believe, that they can just ‘name it and claim it.’ This has nothing to do with what we want or desire. It has everything to do with what He wants for us. I love how **F. B. Meyer** puts it in his commentary: *“We can only believe for a thing when we are in such union with God that His thought and purpose can freely flow into us, suggesting what we should pray for, and leading us to that point in which there is a perfect sympathy and understanding between us and the divine mind. Faith is always the product of such a frame as this.”* Part of living an abundant life is realizing this very fact. As Paul stated in **Gal. 2:20** *I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, Who loved me and gave Himself for me.* (NIV) It is not about what we desire, but what the LORD desires for us. You will find great comfort when you move away from the cares and strife of this world and instead, rest in the loving arms of the Savior. His thoughts become our thoughts and His mind and will become ours. Let us not come into the holy presence of the King with demands, but instead with humble hearts yearning for His will to be done in this day; in our hearts and our actions. It is only then that we will begin to see the will of the Father being manifested in our hearts and minds.

Dear LORD, it is all about You and You alone. This is the day YOU have made. We will rejoice and be glad in it. Help our cry be: Not my will, but Yours LORD. In Jesus Name, Amen