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The Lord wants you to experience real and abundant life:

Ps. 34:8 *Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in Him.*
(NIV)

In the same way that tasting and seeing are physical senses, faith is the way we experience in a spiritual sense. In fact, in many ways, they are linked together. Let me explain. Remember as a child when your mom cooked something that you had never eaten and would say, 'try it, you'll like it.' Now I must admit that there were times that she said that and I would try it and... yuck! (Brussel sprouts) And then there were times that it didn't look so appetizing but... yummy! (Fried okra) You won't know if you like something until you try it. David was reminding us all that everything the LORD does is amazing and that we just need to trust Him, and walk by faith, so that we can experience the blessed life that the LORD has prepared for us. When you taste of Him, you will see what you've been missing.

And, this cannot be done for you. Someone else can't taste something for you or see something for you. You must experience it on your own. This faith then produces all manner of spiritual blessing. When we see by faith, it opens a new dimension of walking in faith. When we hear the word of God, it builds us and the body of Christ so that we can live by faith. When we trust the truth of His salvation, we can then share our faith more easily with those around us.

Then David sings, ***blessed is the one who takes refuge in Him.*** This is the understanding that we are not to just taste and see, but to continually do so. It is the picture of walking 'step by step' with Him. Do you long to walk with the LORD instead of walk on your own? Do you desire to dwell in His refuge and safety? Do you want to stay and abide in His presence? Walk by faith in Him, and He will bless you immensely.

Dear LORD, help us to walk by faith and not by sight. We need to truly trust You so that we can experience You and all the blessing that You have in store for us. Thank You LORD for all You have and will provide for us. In Jesus Name, Amen