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The Lord wants you to experience real and abundant life:

Ps. 73:26 *My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever. (NIV)*

I read this quote a while back: ‘*When all else fails, God doesn’t.*’ How fitting that is for today’s passage. The psalmist Asaph is ‘on point’ as he sings this verse. Our own flesh and our own heart cannot last in this fallen world. Sooner or later, we will all succumb to the pull of our own desires. We are a sinful people. We live in a fallen and broken world. **But God!**

In the previous verse, Asaph had proclaimed: ***Whom have I in heaven but You? And earth has nothing I desire besides You. (NIV)*** The riches of this world could not sway him. The fame of all the earth could not capture him. The desires of this sinful race could not incarcerate him. And this is all because of knowing the Maker of all things. **But God** is the strength of my heart. He gives us power to overcome. He gives us strength to say no to the selfish desires. He shows us the path of righteousness. He is the lamp that leads us into His holy presence. We don’t possess this strength in and of ourselves. It is found only in God alone. It is bought by Jesus alone. It is appropriated by the Holy Spirit alone.

Do you feel overwhelmed by the things you are facing today? Do they seem daunting and unconquerable? Do you feel like giving up and giving in? Just remember this: **Mt. 19:26** *Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.” (NIV)* And again we are encouraged by this declaration of Paul in **Rom. 8:38-39** *For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our LORD. (NIV)*

Dear LORD, You are all that we need! You always have been, and You always will be. Help us to look to You alone for all that we need. You are the strength of our hearts and our portion forever! In Jesus Name, Amen