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The Lord wants you to experience real and abundant life:

Ps. 116:1-2 *I love the LORD, for He heard my voice; He heard my cry for mercy. Because He turned His ear to me, I will call on Him as long as I live. (NIV)*

There is probably no more frustrating situation than feeling that no one is listening to you. You may experience this in your job, in your relationships and maybe even in your walk with the LORD. We feel like we need an instant response from God when we are praying about something. That is not the way of the LORD. Sometimes, He allows us to go through a struggle before we see the answer.

The psalmist is grateful for the assurance that God is listening to his pleas for mercy. Don't we all need to be thankful for the mercy of God? God has withheld the punishment we deserved and given us grace by endowing us with His unmerited favor. I am so glad that I don't get what I deserve! I deserve to be separated from the Father forever; *but God...* **Eph. 2:1-5** *As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to lie when you followed the ways of this world and the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. But because of His great love for us, God, Who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions--it is by grace you have been saved. (NIV)*

And I can tell you that the LORD is always listening to you. Call upon Him, He is right there for you. He knows what you need before you even ask. The psalmist reminds us that he will call on the LORD as long as I live. This is the product of a true commitment and a heart that is fully His.

Dear LORD, help us to be grateful for Your mercy and Your grace. Thank You for listening to our hearts and knowing what we need before we even ask. We love You LORD. In Jesus Name, Amen