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The Lord wants you to experience real and abundant life:

**Rom. 5:6-8** *You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (NIV)*

Now here is another of the important ‘but God’ passages. The first thing we should recognize is that what God has done for us came at just the right time. What God does is always at the right time. When you look back over your spiritual journey, you must recognize that every instance of your life was put together by Him. He led you into every situation and circumstance for a reason. We really have no power to save ourselves nor can we change ourselves. Oh, many have tried to do better, to turn over a new leaf, but the problem here is that the new leaf we are seeking is still made from the same old tree, our sinful life. We are ungodly in our nature; completely consumed with our own selfish desires. But oh, my friend, so not miss this declaration of our Savior’s life. Christ died for the ungodly. We were not righteous. We were not even good. In and of ourselves, we are but dust. **Ps. 103:13-14** *As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear Him; for He knows how we are formed, He remembers that we are dust.* (NIV) With all of this being said, take a moment to meditate upon Paul’s next and glorious statement. **But God demonstrated His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.**

His love was demonstrated or shown with the death of Christ on the cross. Not only is this the cornerstone of our faith, it is also the path that has been laid out through the quagmire of our lives. When we are torn or undecided on what we should do, how we should act, or where we should go, let these words of verse eight ring out in your heart. The greatest demonstration of love was accomplished for you through the death of the Savior. There is no greater love than this. This should shake us to the core and change us from the inside out. It should cause us great shame and yet glorious rejoicing at the same time. But God! Not some religious person nor intellectual prognosticator, but God! He and He alone was able to save you to the utmost. Oh, hallelujah! Rejoice and be glad today! Shout it from the rooftops! But God demonstrated His love for me!

**Dear LORD, thank You LORD. Thank You LORD. Thank You LORD. I was a sinner that needed Your grace, and You gave it with Your love. In Jesus Name, Amen**