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The Lord wants you to experience real and abundant life:

Zeph. 3:17 The LORD your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior Who saves. He will take great delight in you; in His love He will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you with singing. (NIV)

The LORD is with you. Let that sink in for just a moment. He is not off in some far distant place. He is with you right now, right where you are. I had some fearful times in my life as a young boy. But I always felt better when my big sister was around. She would take care of me and help me when I needed it. I think she had early onset of the mothering instinct (and that was just fine with me.) We all need someone that will 'have our back.' Someone who has our best interest in mind. Friends, family members and acquaintances come and go. But there is one who sticks closer than a brother. It is the LORD our God. Now this phrase: God is with you; literally means He is present and will always be present. He will never run out on you. He will never forget you. He will always be there to protect and provide.

The prophet calls the LORD, Mighty Warrior. This was a term that brought fear into the hearts of the enemy. It meant He was and will always be undefeated. No one could overcome or even challenge Him in battle. That's the God Who is with us. And did you notice that this is not something that He has to do, but that He has chosen to do. In fact, He takes 'great delight' in us. He rejoices over you with singing. Now I have to say this. I really enjoy hearing talented people sing. I love hearing the birds singing early in the morning. I love when my dog sings out his howls when he is happy. But there could never be anything more wonderful than hearing the voice of the LORD, singing over me. He is letting me know that I am His and He is mine. He is letting me know that He is here. He is letting me know that He will never leave me nor forsake me. And that is the most awesome thought to cling to in the history of great thoughts.

Dear LORD, thank You for Your unconditional love. I am amazed that You could love me this much. You are my protector and my provider. I love to hear Your voice telling me that you love me, no matter what. I love You LORD. In Jesus Name, Amen