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The Lord wants you to experience real and abundant life:

Rom. 14:8 *If we live, we live for the LORD; and if we die, we die for the LORD. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the LORD.* (NIV)

Home is where the heart is. More and more I've come to understand that. Going home doesn't mean a location any longer. It isn't a where, but instead a Who. As the Christmas songs begin to play and the Black Friday and Cyber Monday shoppers rush around trying to find the perfect gift, they are all looking forward to some home time. Where is your home? My residence is Northwest Colorado, but that's not my home. Jesus has already told me where my home is: **John 14:1-6** *"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in Me. My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with Me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we don't know where You are going, so how can we know the way?" Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."* (NIV) That is why today's scripture holds such heart-warming truth. Since we are His by faith in Jesus Christ, He is now preparing our homes. Since He made all that, we know of in just six days, and He's been working on our homes for over two thousand years, what an amazing home that will be. And mainly because we will get to be with Him forever. That is where my heart is.

This is also what Paul was saying to the church in Rome. Even though they were facing torture and death, they could live for the LORD. And even if they had to give their physical lives up because of Jesus, they would instead enjoy the eternal life with Him. *So, whether we live or die, we belong to the LORD.*

1 Cor. 6:19-20 *Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, Who is in you, Whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore, honor God with your bodies.* (NIV)

Dear LORD, to live is Christ and to die is great gain. You are my home. You are where my heart is. Help me to tell as many as I can that You can also be their home as well. In Jesus Name, Amen