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The Lord wants you to experience real and abundant life:

***Joshua 23:14 Now I am about to go the way of all the earth. You know with all your heart and soul that not one of all the good promises the LORD your God gave you has failed. Every promise has been fulfilled; not one has failed. (NIV)***

We have been looking at how the LORD has given every believer the gift of eternal and abundant life. This comes from the heart of the Father Who desires for us to enjoy His blessings and the gift of His Holy Spirit. This passage comes from an aging Joshua as he speaks to the leaders of Israel. For the first few verses of chapter twenty-three, Joshua reminds the people how faithful the LORD has been to keep His word to them. The LORD fought for the Israelites and pushed out the nations that were living in the promised land; just as He said He would.

Now Joshua turns his focus on the next chapter in Israel's life. In verses six through eight he proclaims: ***“Be very strong; be careful to obey all that is written in the Book of the Law of Moses, without turning aside to the right or to the left. Do not associate with these nations that remain among you; do not invoke the names of their gods or swear by them. You must not serve them or bow down to them. But you are to hold fast to the LORD your God, as you have until now.” (NIV)*** He then warns them to not intermarry and associate with them because they will become snares and traps for them. With that said, Joshua then exhorts them to remember all that the LORD has done for them and that everything He said He would do, He has done; everything! Isn't that just like our God. He will always be faithful. He will always finish what He has started. So, we as believers can bank on this very statement of our faith found in ***Phil. 1:6 being confident of this, that He Who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. (NIV)***

**Dear LORD, our hope is in You and You alone. Our life is empowered by Your Spirit. Help us to remember to do all that You have asked us to do. Then our lives will be filled with joy unspeakable and full of glory. In Jesus Name, Amen**