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The Lord wants you to experience real and abundant life:

Heb. 10:23 *Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for He Who promised is faithful.*
(NIV)

Part of experiencing the real, abundant life that the LORD has for us is found in a steadfast resolve to stand by our convictions. In this passage, the writer of Hebrews exhorts us to do this very thing. The picture here is grasping onto something, not letting it go for any reason, at the risk of great peril. And what is it that we are to hold on to like that? The very hope of salvation; the profession of our faith. Far too many times have people confessed their hope and then wavered when the attacks of the evil one comes.

This is the essence of real faith. We must continue to trust in the midst of trials, heartaches, and struggle. Our hope is built on nothing less, than Jesus's blood and His righteousness. He prepared the way for us. He paid the price for us. He won the victory for us. He is our only hope and our security. He is our anchor in the midst of life's greatest storms. I recall watching a scene in an old movie, where two sailors had to go out on deck in a fierce storm to secure a large crate. As the winds blew and waves swept across the ship, all they could do was hold fast to the rope they were grasping. Multiple times it seemed they would be swept out to sea and lost forever. But with great resolve, they continued to hold on and not let go. They accomplished the job set before them and made it back into the safety of the ship's hold. When we face this world's huge waves that want to sweep us away, we must hold on unswervingly to the hope that we profess. Why? Because He Who promised is faithful. He will always be our lifeline; our rock; our fortress in the storm. Let us hold on to the hope that He has given us and then use that hope to show the ones around us that He is faithful.

Dear LORD, help us to trust You completely in all of life's struggles. We can trust in You because You are faithful to deliver us. And You will. Thank You that You have given us hope. In Jesus Name, Amen