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The Lord wants you to experience real and abundant life:

**Mt. 6:33** *But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things shall be given to you as well.* (NIV)

What does your heart yearn for above all else? Is it the riches of this world? Maybe it's the approval of someone or the nest-egg retirement that you've been looking forward to. Whatever you might think will satisfy, it will really only disappoint. In this whole passage, Jesus was reminding all of those who would listen that real life is not found in the things of this world. It doesn't matter how much you amass, or where you may vacation. The only true and meaningful life is found in Him alone. As you read through the previous verses, Jesus was exhorting anyone who would listen to not put their hope and trust in anything else. **vv. 25-32** *"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life? "And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them."* (NIV)

Again, we must answer the original question. What are you basing your hopes and dreams upon? This world cannot meet your need. It will always come up short. The only hope for the life that will fulfill is found in the embrace of the only One Who can really give you what you need. He is the lover of our souls. He is the hope of all creation. He is the One Who made it all. Our hope is found in the arms of our Savior, Jesus the Christ.

**Dear LORD, awaken us to the spiritual impact that You can make in our lives. Help us to focus on You and to abide in You. We need You more than anything or anyone. In Jesus Name, Amen**