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The Lord wants you to experience real and abundant life:

Phil. 1:3-6 I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, 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)

Paul begins his letter to the Philippians by remembering how generous and helpful they had been to him. He is in prison and yet he is full of joy and thankful for his time with the people of Philippi. They had embraced him and were faithful to become partners in the ministry of sharing the gospel. Now here is the critical point: whether Paul was there physically or not, he was assured of what the LORD would do for them and for him.

Do you have this blessed assurance? This is the manifestation of a person who is living the life full of abundance and completely real. It is realizing and understanding this: ***that He Who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. (NIV)*** We cannot live this kind of life without the empowerment of the Holy Spirit. It is His presence and His power that allow us to begin to see things from the perspective of the Father. He sees the future as already done. He holds time in His hands. We don't have to worry about what will or won't happen. We can just rest in His arms and allow His Spirit to carry us through every day that He gives us.

Oh, what a blessing to see what Jesus has done for me. To take Him by the hand and walk into His promised land. To abide in His life and allow Him to take my strife. What a wonderful place to live inside His arms.

Dear LORD, help us to walk confidently in Your embrace and see You at work in our lives. you will give us strength to finish the work that You have given us to do. In Jesus Name, Amen