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The Lord wants you to experience real and abundant life:

Heb. 11:1 *Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. (NIV)*

I like how one commentator put it: *Just as our physical eyesight is the sense that gives us evidence of the material world, **faith** is the “sense” that gives us evidence of the invisible, spiritual world.*

Is God real? Absolutely! How do we know? By the evidence we have seen and experienced! We use the same criteria to bring someone to justice in a court of law. Even though the jury was not at the scene of the crime, evidence has been brought forth to piece together the circumstances and happenings of the event. And what about Jesus' example to Nicodemus? **John 3:3-7** *Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.” “How can someone be born when they are old?” Nicodemus asked. “Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother’s womb to be born!” Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit[b] gives birth to spirit. You should not be surprised at my saying, ‘You must be born again.’ The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.” (NIV)*

This is the evidence that demands a verdict. Paul resoundingly affirms this in his letter to Timothy: **2 Tim. 1:12** *That is why I am suffering as I am. Yet this is no cause for shame, because I know Whom I have believed, and am convinced the He is able to guard what I have entrusted to Him until that day. (NIV)* Unless you are walking by faith, you are not living in the abundance that the LORD has in store for you. Will you walk by faith today? Will you stand upon His word or look to this world to meet your needs? In the great declaration of Joshua as he stood before the people of God: **Joshua 24:15** *But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD. (NIV)*

Dear LORD, help us to walk by faith, and not by sight today. You are more real than anything else in this universe. You love us, protect us, provide for us and walk with us through the daily trials we face and the victories we celebrate. Thank You LORD! In Jesus Name, Amen