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The Lord wants you to experience real and abundant life:

John 14:27 *Peace I leave with you; My peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.* (NIV)

Peace is not the absence of conflict, but it is the knowledge that we have One Who holds us in His hands in the midst of all conflicts. The Greek word for this peace is **eirenen** which means *a calmness and quietness or rest for our souls*. No matter what the circumstances are around us, we can lean into the One Who watches over us and will never leave or forsake us. There is a peace in His presence.

There was no greater example of this than when Jesus and the disciples were in a boat in the middle of a storm on the Sea of Galilee. **Mark 4:35-41 *That day when evening came, He said to His disciples, "Let us go over to the other side." Leaving the crowd behind, they took Him along, just as He was, in the boat. There were also other boats with Him. A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke Him and said to Him, "Teacher, don't you care if we drown?" He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm. He said to His disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?" They were terrified and asked each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey Him!"* (NIV)**

Now I want you to notice that in the midst of a fierce storm, Jesus was asleep in the boat. Everyone else was afraid for their lives, but not Jesus. Why? Because He is in control of all things. And to prove it, He got up and spoke to the wind and waves and they obeyed! Then He asks His disciples a very telling question. *Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?* You see, Jesus had told his disciples to get in the boat and they would go to the other side. If it were not true, He would've said we are going out in the lake and sink in the middle. We must live in the faith that what God says He will do, He will do, every time! This is the key to walking by faith and living in abundance. Our God is a faithful Father.

Dear LORD, You are Who You say You are. You do what You say You'll do. We must not doubt You and Your Word. Help us to walk faithfully and trust in You completely. In Jesus Name, Amen