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The Lord wants you to experience real and abundant life:

John 1:12 *Yet to all who did receive Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God. (NIV)*

John chapter one is one of the most amazing chapters in all of God's word because it is all about Jesus, His Word. The visible image of the invisible God has come into this world so that we could see and know and understand Who God is! Make no mistake, this is the most clarifying and direct explanation of the person and the purpose of Jesus.

If you have received Jesus as your Lord and Savior, then there is also a time in your life that you have to move out of the control room. You must abandon the idea that you are in charge of your life. Jesus is not truly LORD of your life until you vacate the premises of your will. This complete surrender is the beginning of a new life that is focused on His will. He has now claimed the throne of your life. And He is so worthy to be there. His love for you is undeniable. His grace and mercy are complete. His plans for you are taking shape so that you will affect the people around you. They will begin to see Who He really is through you. You will be a 'chip off of the old block.' When people would tell me as a young boy that I must have been Harvey's grandson, it meant a lot to me for people to see him in me. It still does. But it means so much more for people to see Jesus in my life. Why? Because my life has to change into His life. I have been given the right to become a child of God. And so have you, if you have chosen to receive Him and His salvation. He now resides within you and will lead and guide you through this difficult and challenging world we are a part of. And there is no limit to who and how many can come to Him. For as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God. Many years ago, **Amy Grant** wrote a song entitled "*My Father's Eyes*." The chorus says:

*She's got her Father's eyes, her Father's eyes,
Eyes that find the good in things when good is not around
Eyes that find the source of help when help just can't be found
Eyes full of compassion, seeing every pain,
Knowing what you're going through, and feeling it the same,
Just like My Father's eyes*

Dear LORD, please give us Your eyes to see what You see and have Your love and wisdom in our hearts. Help us inherit Your compassion and be able to help others as You want us to. Thank You for Your unconditional love. In Jesus Name, Amen