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The Lord wants you to experience real and abundant life:

***Ps. 91:4-6 He will cover you with His feathers, and under His wings you will find refuge; His faithfulness will be your shield and rampart. You will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day, nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness, nor the plague that destroys at midday. (NIV)***

There is nothing that feels quite as good as knowing you are protected. I recall as a freshman in high school, when we got our helmets and pads for football, the freshman got the 'left-overs.' Some of the pads were older than us and the helmets were loose and could turn halfway around on your head. But, because I made varsity, I got to choose from the good helmets and pads. These fit me perfectly and when I hit another player, there was no pain except that which I was giving. I felt protected.

I thought of this when I read through this very familiar passage today. There is no greater instinct than for a parent to protect their child. It is the same in all of the animal kingdom. Just look at the 'Mama Bear' and what she will do to protect her cubs. Well, I can tell you that our Heavenly Father will take care of and protect His children. David draws the illustration of an eagle watching over their young. When the rain or winds or other predators would descend, the eagle will stretch out their wings and cover their young to keep them dry and protected. Even the evil one knows about God's protection. In **Job 1:9-10** ***"Does Job fear God for nothing?" Satan replied. "Have You not put a hedge around him and his household and everything he has? You have blessed the work of his hands, so that his flocks and hers are spread throughout the land. (NIV)*** This hedge of protection comes from God Himself and is completely impenetrable. Daily, my wife and I pray for a hedge of protection around us and our family. We need the protection of our LORD. And He will surely give it because of His great love for His children. And because of this protection, we can live in the abundance of that protection, knowing that we are loved and sheltered and protected under His mighty wings.

**Dear LORD, thank You for Your perfect protection. We need it in a world that hates You and Your children. You are faithful in all of Your ways and Your love will never fail. Great is Your faithfulness. In Jesus Name, Amen**