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The Lord wants you to experience real and abundant life:

**2 Thess. 3:3** *But the LORD is faithful, and He will strengthen you and protect you from the evil one.* (NIV)

The faithfulness of the Lord is spoken of all through the scriptures. He is totally trustworthy and perfectly faithful. What He has said, He will do! We can totally and certainly rely on what His Word says. Some call these the promises of God, but we cannot look at these like our promises. When we promise something, we still yet may or may not do it, depending upon our own faithfulness. When God speaks, His Word is His faithfulness.

Paul is reminding the church at Thessalonica, that the LORD is offering two extremely important things: ***strength and protection***. The Greek word for *strengthen* is **sterixei** which means *to make fast or to completely establish*. This means according to the LORD's faithfulness, which is perfect, He will establish mark out and establish our ways. We see this in **Prov. 3:5-6** ***Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight.*** (NIV)

The second offering is *protection*. The Greek word is **phulaxei** which means *to stand guard over you or to be on constant watch*. This is what the LORD is doing for each one of His children. He is vigilant. He is keeping careful watch for danger or difficulties that are being cast our way. And because of this and His faithfulness, we are not left unattended or vulnerable to the attacks of the evil one or evil people. What a blessing. We don't have to fear anything this world may bring against us. We have the Mighty One Who will be ever watching over us to strengthen us and protect us! Thank You Lord!

**Dear LORD, You are our protector and our shield. You watch over us constantly. There is no one or no power that can stand against You. In you we have all that we need. Thank You for Your strength and protection. In Jesus Name, Amen**