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The Lord wants you to experience real and abundant life:

Jer. 20:13 Sing to the LORD! Give praise to the LORD! He rescues the life of the needy from the hands of the wicked. (NIV)

Today's assignment: find a very secluded place where no one can see you or hear you. Maybe it is in your vehicle parked and overlooking a beautiful vista. Maybe it's in your basement where no one wants to tread. I don't know where it is for you, but I like to sneak into my office sometimes when no one is around or even up. I like to just close my eyes and open my heart and sing as loud as I want to. (This is the reason to find a secluded place....)

Just begin singing to the LORD. Go ahead and do it. You can sing a song you already know, or you can make it up as you go. Just do it. Sing! The LORD loves to hear your voice. You may not think it is very good, but the LORD is really listening to your heart rather than your voice. Why? There is something that God created in man that wants to come out. It is true and real praise. It is singing a new song. It is allowing yourself to live by praising the one who made you.

I have a friend who sometimes just breaks out with the song, *How Great Thou Art*. He is singing with joy in his heart to the one and only LORD and God. I know that if you love the LORD and you have been set free from the penalty of your sins, you have a song in there somewhere. Let it go! Just sing! Come on, you can do it!

You might think I've kind of lost my mind but trust me in this. When you begin to sing praises, just to the LORD alone; not worrying about how you sound or if someone else is listening; you will experience an abundance in your heart and life. Allow your heart to overflow with praise. Praise Him for Who He is. Praise Him for what He has done. Praise Him for His creation. Praise Him for His provisions. Praise Him! Come on, just sing! Make up your own tune. Your heart is ready to explode with praise. Don't keep the praise He deserves trapped in your heart. Maybe even sing your prayer to Him today.

Dear LORD, You are my strength when I am weak. You are my hope and my salvation. You are everything I've ever wanted and ever needed. You are the great I AM. You are my love. You are my hope. You are everything to me. In Jesus Name, Amen