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The Lord wants you to experience real and abundant life:

1 Cor. 10:13 *No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; He will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, He will also provide a way out so that you can endure it. (NIV)*

Part of the ability to walk in the abundant life that God has for us is to realize that in His faithfulness, He will give us the spiritual strength to say 'no' to the temptations of this world. Every single person is tempted from time to time. We all desire things from the flesh and our selfish nature. We somehow think that the temporal things of this life can fulfill us, but they never could, and they never will.

Our Father loves us so much that anytime we are tempted, He will always provide a way out of that temptation. And He can and will supply something holy and perfect for us instead. He will provide the much-needed escape from the temptation by giving us something so much better. **Eph. 3:20** *Now to Him Who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen. (NIV)* Part of the help He brings comes from training in righteousness. He shows us choices to make that lead us into His presence and equips us to live above the entrapments of this world.

Heb. 12:11 *No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it. (NIV)* Because of His faithfulness, He watches over us and helps us with His Holy Spirit's power to stand against the evil one. The more we lean into Him, the easier it becomes to look for His will rather than our own. He really is an awesome Father!

Dear LORD, thank You that when we are tempted, You are right there with us to help us in times of trouble. You will make a way when there seems to be no way. You will provide a way of escape. You will fulfill our needs. You are awesome! In Jesus Name, Amen