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The Lord wants you to experience real and abundant life:

Isa. 40:8 *The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever.* (NIV)

I have to admit; I can't do all the things I used to be able to do as a young man. This is the natural aging of the human body. We can't always bench press hundreds of pounds or run a 4.8 forty-yard dash. The LORD put limitations on us physically because of the entrance of sin into this world. Isaiah reminds us that as beautiful as a flower may be, it won't always be like that. There are limitations in this fragile and physical life. This can be depressing to many, and some try to do all they can to make their physical bodies seem like they are really not aging at all. Botox, face-lifts, cosmetic surgeries and the like, are multimillion-dollar businesses. People continue looking for the *fountain of youth*. The problem is that they are looking in all the wrong places. Instead, they should be looking to the *fountain of life*! It is found in the word of God. As Peter once proclaimed in **John 6:68-69** *Simon Peter answered Him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and to know that You are the Holy One of God."* (NIV) David also concurs as he writes **Psalm 119:105** *Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.* (NIV)

God's word is life-giving. It is powerful. It is this word that shows us who we really are and what motivates us. **Heb. 4:12** *For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than and double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.* (NIV)

Now Isaiah goes even further by comparing the word of God to the things of this world. Everything in this world will ultimately fade away. But not so the word of God. Not only is it eternal and powerful, but it is also life changing in the sense that it brings us to the source of real and abundant life, Jesus Christ our Lord. He is the life-changer and the life-giver. He pours His Spirit into us so that we can experience this life now and not just in the distant future. We can abide in His presence and enjoy the refreshing living-water that He pours out for us daily. Jesus said in **John 4:14** *But whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.* (NIV)

Dear LORD, we need You refreshing daily. We need to drink from the well of Your word and enjoy the life that it brings. Help us to stay by You and enjoy Your presence and refreshing today. In Jesus Name, Amen