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The Lord wants you to experience real and abundant life:

Nahum 1:7 *The LORD is good, a refuge in times of trouble. He cares for those who trust in Him.* (NIV)

We certainly are living in troubled times. It seems that the world has completely lost their way and their focus is only on themselves. I would dare say that we are approaching the LORD's return quickly. When you read through **2 Tim. 3:1-5** you will see this: ***But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last day. People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God--having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with such people.*** (NIV) Is this not a picture of the world we live in? But there is hope. The LORD is good to us. He is our refuge in times of trouble. He is there for us and will always be there. In the good times, He is there. In the struggles and trials, He is there. He always has been and always will be.

And yes, the LORD loves every single person in the world. But notice, He not only loves His children, but He also cares for us. The Hebrew word for cares is **veyodea** which means *to know intimately, care completely and understand fully*. That is a wonderful picture of our Father. He knows everything about us. He knows when we get up and go to sleep. He watches over us and sings over us. He plots a course for us to follow (which we don't always follow). He sets His boundaries for us. He speaks to us in His still, quiet voice. He gives us victories and encourages us in our failures. He is a friend that sticks closer than a brother. He is certainly a refuge for us to run to when we are in trouble and need His help. Yes, He cares for us continuously. He will never stop caring and loving us with His unfailing love. Let this thought bless you today as you seek to abide in His presence.

Dear LORD, You are good! You are always our shelter and refuge. Help us to come to You, abide in You and enjoy Your presence today. We need You more than life itself, because without You, we would have no life at all. In Jesus Name, Amen