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The Lord wants you to experience real and abundant life:

1 Pt. 1:23 *You have been born anew, not from perishable but from imperishable seed, through the living and abiding word of God. (EHV)*

Suffice it to say, the only way that we can walk in God's presence and abide in Him is to have new life. We must be born of God. **2 Cor. 5:17** reminds us of this: *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come. The old has gone, the new is here!* (NIV) And the understanding of this is that this has only happened because of believing in Him (by faith) and the receiving Him (salvation). **John 1:12-13** *Yet to all who did receive Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God--children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.* (NIV) This is our spiritual rebirth. It is from the will of the Father. So, everyone who is born of God, receives Him through the 'living' and 'abiding' word of God. **Rom. 10:17** *Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of God.* (NIV)

So, the question that we all must answer is are we trusting in Him? If so, are we walking in Him? If yes is your answer, then we must allow the word of God (Jesus Himself is the Word of God) to live and abide in us, and we must live and abide in Him. As I have said before, this is a choice that we must make. Not only for salvation (a one-time choice) but also for sanctification; being set apart for His use (a daily choice). **Luke 9:23-24** *Then He said to them all: "Whoever wants to be My disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow Me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for Me will save it."* (NIV)

Dear LORD, since we have been born of You, let us walk in the newness of life today. Help us to remember who we are and Whose we are. In Jesus Name, Amen