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The Lord wants you to live in His liberty and freedom.

John 10:10 *The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.* (NIV)

I have always been fascinated by the difference between life and existence. Everyone who is currently residing upon this planet exists, but there are only a few that have life. And here is what I mean by this difference. The Greek term for *life* is **zoen**. This term shows a difference between *physical life (existence) and spiritual life (life abundant)*.

Jesus was making an impactful statement and a truth that cannot be changed. All people exist. So, when He says that the thief wants to steal, kill and destroy, He's not just talking about physical existence; He's talking about spiritual, eternal life. He desires to keep people away from real life. He's not concerned with how long people exist; he just wants to make sure that they don't experience real life.

When Jesus died on the cross, His physical life ended on this earth, but He is still alive. And He proved it to over five hundred witnesses who saw Him, heard Him and even touched Him. He wants everyone to know that real, abundant and full life can only be found in a real relationship with Him. This is truly a wonderful gift provided by the giver of all good things. Now what is telling about this statement may not even seem that important but listen to what it says: **have life**. The Greek word here is **echosin** which means *to have, hold on to and never let go of*. This means everyone who receives eternal life through Jesus Christ, can never lose it. And because it is abundant, there is plenty to share with everyone around us. Are you allowing the real life of Christ to overflow in your life so that people around you are touched? I pray that I am.

Dear LORD, You have not only made us, but You have also provided for everyone who believes, real and true life. Life that is abundant and overflowing. Help us not to stand in the way of the flow, but instead be conduits that allow Your living water to touch all around us. In Jesus Name, Amen