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The Lord wants you to live in His light.

Ps. 86:5 *You, LORD, are forgiving and good, abounding in love to all who call to You. (NIV)*

I love how David calls upon the forgiving nature of the LORD. There is no doubt that the Father is the most forgiving, gracious and loving One. The translation is such that it literally means that the LORD is *ready to forgive*. He is always willing to forgive us when we fail. It is not something He does, but Who He is.

Have you ever hurt someone you loved and you just wanted to make it right and ask for their forgiveness? You hope that they are willing to forgive you for your terrible mistake. I love how **F. B. Meyer** puts it in his commentary on this verse: *“We are blinded by sin, and cannot believe that God is ready to forgive. We think that we must induce Him to forgive, by tears, promises of amendment, religious observances.... Oh, clasp this word to your heart! Say it over and over again – ‘Ready to forgive, ready to forgive!’”* *“You have fallen a hundred times, and are ashamed to come to God again; it seems too much to expect that He will receive you again. But He will, for He is ready to forgive.”*

I also love the statement by David, **v. 5b *abounding in love to all who call to You. (NIV)*** God’s love is for all who call to Him. It is not for a select few. It is not for a chosen group. It is for all who call on Him.

Dear Father, thank You for Your forgiveness. We certainly don’t deserve it, but we are so grateful to You for it. Your love is abounding. It never ends. We praise Your Holy Name. In Jesus Name, Amen