

## THE REDEEMED CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF GOD



### Living Faith Chapel, Calgary (Solution Center)

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## Word for the Week

### ABUNDANT LIFE WHEN CONNECTED TO THE SOURCE

It is another time in the presence of the Lord. Give thanks and praises to the Lord. Magnify His name. Exalt His name. Our Heavenly Father is good. He is kind. He is merciful. He is compassionate. He is our all-in-all. He watches over you. He watches over your household. He watches over His church. He watches over your community. He saves you from every danger in the world. Bless His name. Adore Him. Give Him thanks and praises. It is a good thing to give thanks and praises to the Lord!

God is good. He is good at all times. He is good to each and every one of His children. His desire for each and every one of us is that we live long and fulfil His purpose for our lives. God is the giver of life. Jesus Christ says in **John 10:10** *“The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.”* Therefore, long life and abundant life belong to each and every child of God. That is what Jesus Christ said. He came that you and I may have life and have it abundantly. The Bible makes it clear that blessings from God are our portion as children of the Almighty God. In **Matthew 15:26**: *“But he answered and said, It is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it to dogs.”* We are of the household of God, so blessings of God are ours to enjoy. Long life and abundant life are blessings in Christ Jesus.

In **Job 1**, Satan had to get permission from God before he could lay his hands on Job and his possessions. Job surely realized that it is within the capability of God to kill and to make alive. He offered sacrifices unto God on behalf of his children in case they had sinned against God. Job knew that as long as he was in good standing with God, his life and that of his children were safe. To live a long life, you need to be connected to your source. You need to be connected to your Strength. As a child of God, the Almighty God is your Strength, He is your source. You must do everything within your power to be constantly connected to God. *“The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.” (Psalm 23:1). “Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.” (Psalm 23:4).* Stay connected to your Strength, your Source and your Shepherd and you will be assured of a long, abundant and fulfilled life to the glory of God!

To live a long life, you must be prepared to honour God. You must be prepared to honour the things of God. Eli learnt this in a very hard way. Eli and his household were to be priests of the Most High God. But Eli's children dishonored the Lord. This made God unhappy with Eli and his household. And in response, God said Eli *“Behold, the days come, that I will cut off thine arm, and the arm of thy father's house, that there shall not be an old man in thine house.” (1 Samuel 2:31)* Because Eli and his children did not honour God, God said there would not be an old man in their house. May the Lord give you and your household the grace and ability to always honour God from this day and forever in Jesus' name!

**NB. If you have been blessed by our Word for the Week or inspired in any way by them, please let us know by sending an email to The Pastor at [pastor@rccglfc.org](mailto:pastor@rccglfc.org).**