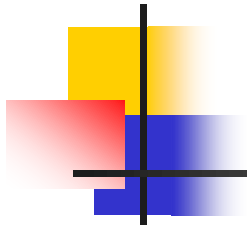




Living the God Life





John 10:10 in a Care Home?

- **10** The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and [a]have *it* abundantly.
- What does this verse mean to you?
- But how do you sell this idea in a nursing home?
- The it dawned on me; hit me like a ton of bricks



Our Interpretation is Wrong?

- This reference to abundant life doesn't have anything to do with living our life, or having a life filled with good things and great triumphs and lots of feel good blessings
- Jesus isn't referring to coming to make your life better or more comfortable; not talking about your life at all
- He's talking about giving you HIS LIFE



Right There All Along

- John 14:6 - "I am the way, and the truth, **and the life**; no one comes to the Father but through Me.
- Galatians 2:20 - 20 I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, **but Christ lives in me**; and [a]the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.



John 15

- 4 Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit [c]of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you unless you abide in Me. 5 I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.
- Abide means LIVE – we are in Him and HE IS IN US
- He came to give us HIS life more abundantly



John 17-Life Forevermore

- 17 Jesus spoke these things; and lifting up His eyes to heaven, He said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify Your Son, that the Son may glorify You, 2 even as You gave Him authority over all flesh, that to [a]ll whom You have given Him, He may give eternal life. 3 This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.



John 17 continued

- 20 “I do not ask on behalf of these alone, but for those also who believe in Me through their word; 21 that they may all be one; even as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that You sent Me.
- John 3:16 “For God so loved the world, that He gave His [e]only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.



So, Back to The Brixton

- Life in care facilities is certainly less than optimal. There is great need there, and people are often just warehoused, the least of the least of these.
- It is true that people in care facilities deal with lots of limitations, but God – His life, His love, His presence and power IS NOT LIMITED
- His mercy and glory can be made known even where people are physically diminishing day by day. They can have his life abundantly!!!



Living the God Life

- This message isn't about the Brixton, the Good News is for all of us
- We all face moments – months? – when we feel like our lives are diminished and we are lost and less than we hoped to be
- The thief has been lying to us; distracting us from the GREATEST promise there is
- No matter what your life looks like and feels like, **YOUR ARE FILLED TO OVERFLOWING WITH HIS LIFE!!!**
- Let's embrace the God life right now!



Good News!, YOU Are

- deeply loved by God,
- fully accepted by God,
- completely and permanently forgiven by God,
- lavishly blessed by God,
- and eternally, perfectly embraced by God as his child; a child who brings Him unspeakable JOY