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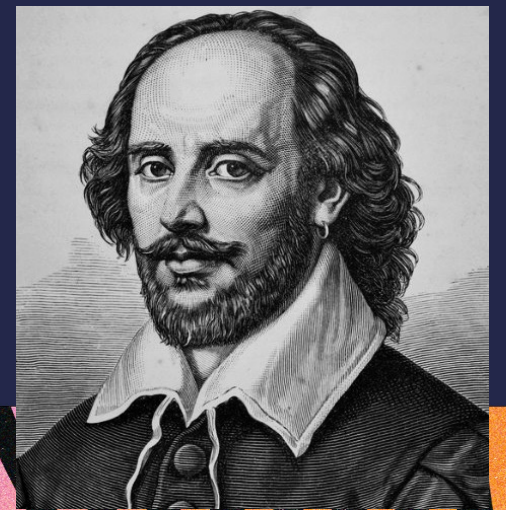
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LIVING THE ABUNDANT LIFE

*What if **God's** vision for your life is
greater than **your** vision for your life?*

“Life's but a walking shadow;
a poor player, that struts and frets his hour upon the
stage, and then is heard no more: it is a tale told by
an idiot, full of sound and fury, signifying nothing.”

William Shakespeare, *Macbeth*, 17th C.



“My view (of my life) has been backward, not forward...and I have been dwelling on the trivial, on the insignificant too much. Time is running out and I must come to terms with my life. The days for fantasizing great achievements are gone. Ambitions and goals must be realistic if I want to avoid great disappointment at the end.”

John Dean, Whitehouse Counsel
for Richard Nixon



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John 10:10a (ESV)

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and destroy...

- **God's vision** for your life: *FREE and FULL*

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- Next three weeks: building the **FOUNDATION** for the vision: *FREE and FULL*



The Bible

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and does them will be like a wise man who built
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God's VISION for your life is supported by His VALUES.

Jesus called himself:

“The door of the sheepfold” –John 10:1

“The door of the sheep” –John 10:7

“The door of salvation” –John 10:9

John 10:9-11

“I am the door.” If anyone enters by me, he **will be saved** and will go in and out and **find pasture**.

¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have **life** and have it **abundantly**. ¹¹ “I am the good shepherd.” The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.”

Two Jesus-sized visions for your life

1) **FREE**

– *“I came that they may have life.”*

“The glory of God is a human being
fully alive.”

Irenaeus of Smyrna



Luke 4:18-19

“The Spirit of the LORD is upon me, for **he has anointed** me to **bring Good News** to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim that **captives will be released**, that the **blind will see**, that the **oppressed will be set free**, and that the time of the **LORD’s favor has come.**”

John 12:40a

“He has blinded their eyes and hardened their hearts...”

Luke 10:23

...turning to the disciples he said privately,
“Blessed are the eyes that see what you see!”

Romans 7:15, 18, 24

For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate...

¹⁸ For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out...

²⁴ Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?

Romans 7:25-8:1

Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!...
There is therefore now no condemnation for those
who are in Christ Jesus.

“They are too alive to die,
and too dead to live.”

Byung-Chul Han, *The Burnout Society*



John 11:25-26

...“I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever **believes in me** though he die, yet shall **he live**,²⁶ and everyone who lives and **believes in me** shall never die. **Do you believe this?**”



*Jesus wants **FREEDOM** for your life.*
*Jesus wants **FULLNESS** in your life.*

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1) FREE

– *“I came that they may have life”*

2) FULL

– *“and have it abundantly”*

“...it would seem that our Lord finds our desires not too strong, but too weak. We are half-hearted creatures, fooling about with drink and sex and ambition when infinite joy is offered us, like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in a slum, because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at the sea. We are far too easily pleased.”

C. S. Lewis, *The Weight of Glory*



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*extraordinary, exceptional, super abundance,
special advantage*

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“...**more and better life** than they ever dreamed of.”
– John 10:10 (The Message)

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SUBSTANCE: Knowing God

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“This is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.”

– John 17:3

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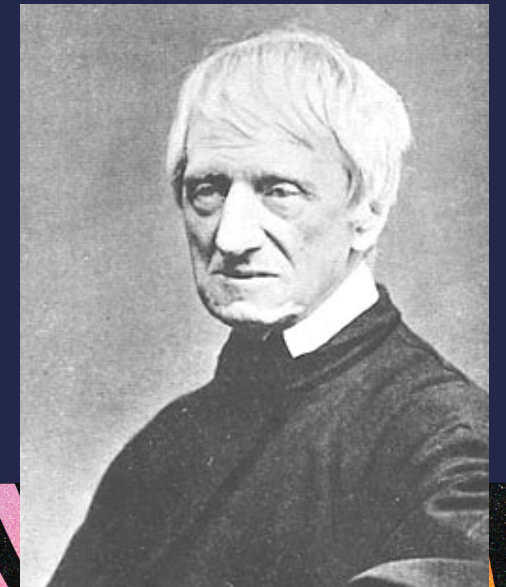
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SUBSTANCE: Knowing God

SIGNIFICANCE: Loving People and Living Sent

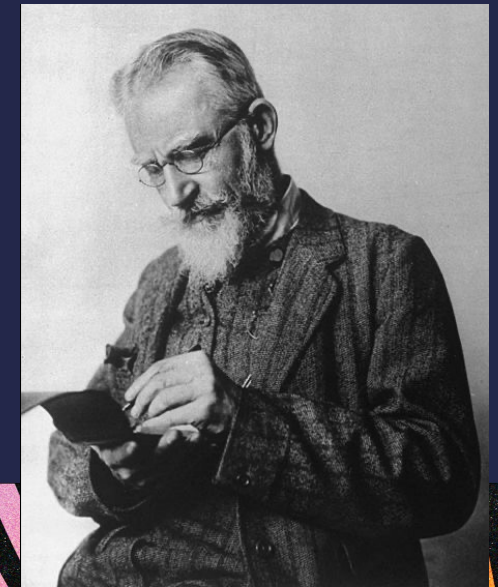
“Fear not that your life will come to an end,
but that it will never have a beginning.”

John Henry Newman



“I rejoice in life for its own sake...
Life is no brief candle to me. It's a sort of
splendid torch which I've got hold of for the
moment, and I want to make it burn as brightly
as possible before handing it on to the
future generations.”

George Bernard Shaw



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–Jesus Christ, John 10:1, 11

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