

## The Abundant Life #1 Fake News

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.

Our series that we are going to be focusing on for the next 7 weeks is The Abundant Life.

Today I want to share this thought **Fake News**.

Let's look at the later part of **John 10:10**. Jesus said, **I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly**.

That is what God wants for our lives.

- Abundance
  - Plenty
  - Richness
  - A Lot of
  - Pressed Down
  - Running Over
  - Shaken Together
  - A Whole Lot Of
- **Abundant Life**
- **Abundance** in our spiritual condition
- **Abundance** in our relationships with others
- **Abundance** in our finances
- **Abundance** in our health
- **Abundance** in our faith
- **Abundance** in our hope
- **Abundance** in so many aspects of our spiritual and physical existence.

This is going to be a great series.

- You are going to love it and you don't want to miss any part of it.

- I'm so excited to share this with you.

Let's look at the first part of John 10:10

**The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy:**

So if you've been trying to get to The Abundant Life in your walk with God,

- and that keeps eluding you somehow,
- we might need to think about the first part of this scripture.

**The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy:**

We need to recognize that we have an **advisory** whose desire is to keep you from receiving what it is that God has for your life.

How does he do that?

- The Bible tells us...
  - He steals
  - He Kills
  - He destroys

Doesn't sound like a nice guy does he?

- Why are people flirting with this guy?
- Why are people messing around with Him?
- What part of your life do you really need his involvement in?

How would you like to have this guy living next door to you?

- Ya... He steals from people
- He kills people
- He destroys things in people's lives.

Sounds like the kind of guy you don't want to have living next door right?

- Well sadly if we pay attention we might find that this guy is actually operating in and out of our own home.
- See, he doesn't want to live next door to you; he wants to live in your house.

- He wants to set up shop stealing, killing and destroying right in your own home, in fact IN YOUR LIFE!

Would it be fair of me to say today that NONE of us really want the Thief working in our lives?

- Good...
- So let's talk about something we call **Fake News**
- This is something that many people believe is new, especially on the internet.

(Wikipedia) **Fake news** is a type of [yellow journalism](#) that consists of deliberate [misinformation](#) or [hoaxes](#) spread via the traditional print, broadcasting [news media](#), or via [Internet](#)-based [social media](#). Fake news is written and published with the intent to mislead in order to gain financially or politically, often with sensationalist, exaggerated, or patently false headlines that grab attention.

Fake news often employs eye-catching headlines or entirely fabricated news stories in order to increase readership and, in the case of internet-based stories, online sharing and Internet click revenue. In the latter case, profit is made in a similar fashion to sensational online "[click bait](#)" headlines and relies on advertising revenue generated from this activity, regardless of the veracity of the published stories.<sup>[1]</sup>

Easy access to online [advertisement](#) revenue, increased political polarization between the left and right, and the ubiquity and popularity of online [social media](#), primarily the [Facebook newsfeed](#), have all been implicated in the spread of fake news.<sup>[2][1]</sup> Anonymously-hosted website slacking known publishers have also been implicated, because they make it difficult to prosecute sources of fake news for [libel](#) or [slander](#).<sup>[3]</sup> The relevance of fake news has experienced greater growth in a [post-truth](#) reality. In response, researchers have explored the development of a psychological "[vaccine](#)" to help people to detect a fake news.<sup>[4][5]</sup>

Some fake news websites use [website spoofing](#), structured to make visitors believe they are visiting trusted sources like [ABC News](#) or [MSNBC](#).<sup>[18]</sup> [The New York Times](#) defined "fake news" on the Internet as fictitious articles

deliberately fabricated to deceive readers, generally with the goal of profiting through [click bait](#).<sup>[31]</sup> [PolitiFact](#) described fake news as fabricated content designed to fool readers and subsequently made viral through the Internet to crowds that increase its dissemination.<sup>[32]</sup>

Here's what it's saying....

- People Love Fake News!!!
- No matter how fake an article is, the juicer the better.
- It can be as dumb as dumb can be, but people just click away on it believing all the stupidity and making some liar whose making millions on advertisement and click revenue.

And it's fake!

- It's bogus
- It's a sham
- It's phony

Fake News,

- Have you heard any lately?
- If you paid any attention to the past presidential elections, you probably heard a lot of fake news.
- But if you pay any attention to the elements that speak into your life and walk with God,
  - you are probably hearing some Fake News that could be causing your faith in God to be keeping you from living Life More Abundantly.

**See, Fake News – Is Not a new thing**

It's been around for a long time...

- Early in the book...
- Beginning of time...

Genesis 3 (KJV) **1 Now the serpent was more subtil** (Sneaky, Cleaver, Cunning, Scheming, Calculating) **than any beast of the field which**

the Lord God had made. And he said (Get ready for some fake news!) unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?

<sup>2</sup> And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden:

<sup>3</sup> But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.

<sup>4</sup> And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:

So God says one thing, and the devil is saying something else.

- I think it's important to know what voices we are listening to.
- Cause one of them is speaking truth and the other Fake News.
  - One is speaking Eternal Life
  - And the other Eternal Destruction.
  - One is speaking Life More Abundantly
  - And the other Killing, Stealing and Destroying.

<sup>5</sup> For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

<sup>6</sup> And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

See, he's been at this for a long time.

- When he lied to Eve in the garden,
- He actually tricked her and Adam into losing their preeminence and rule over Satan.
- As a result of their sin, they were subject to death and diseases, and the hardships of life.

They were living in a paradise,

- but when the Thief got through with them...
- they were living by the sweat of their brow among the thorns and thistles.

If you want to know where sickness, and hunger and pain and suffering came from,

- It happened right here in Gen 3.
- And it happened all because the Thief took from them **what God had prepared for them.**
- And what's crazy was they did it almost willingly.

I wonder what would have been different about this whole thing if that serpent would have had a sign around his neck that said (LIAR!)

- Eve would have known not to believe Him right? Hopefully.
- But he didn't and as a result things got really bad for these two people really quick.

This is why in the New Testament Jesus gives us **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.**

John 10:10 is the sign around the devil's neck

- He's a Their!
- He's a Liar!
- He only wants to destroy your life!

See, you are either going to have the Thief talking to your life,

- or you are going to have Jesus talking in your life
- and it's up to you which voice you are going to listen to.
- But you need to know that depending on which voice you listen to, you are going to have 2 very different outcomes in your life.
- Either you are going to have your God given blessings and abundance stolen from you,
  - And along with that Death not only spiritually,
  - but the death of all that God would give birth to in your life
  - and you are also going to have destruction in your life.
    - People can't figure out sometimes why no matter what

they do to improve their life, destruction just keeps coming.

OR you are going to have **LIFE AND THAT MORE ABUNDANTLY!**

See there's some **Fake News** going around!

- There's a serpent speaking to some folks and He's telling you that God doesn't love you.
- And that God doesn't care about you.
- And that God doesn't really care how you live your life.
- And that God doesn't want to fill you with His Spirit and deliver you from your sins.

He tells people all the time, every day, everywhere that God – Jesus Christ isn't listening

- And that He doesn't hear your prayers and cries.

But I think we need to push the **Fake News** back here today and get our noses for the next 7 weeks into the **Good News** and find out just exactly what the Red Letters mean when they say **Abundant Life!**

I think there's way too much trouble in the church for us to say that we are living **The Abundant Life** right now.

- Too much unemployment.
- Too much sickness
- Too much marital trouble
- Too much sin
- Too many lies
- Too much death

See a lie can sound like the truth if you don't know the difference.

- If all you are doing is listening to every news report on every channel, you'll get very confused with regards to the issues our country is facing right now.
- And to the same extent, if you are listening to everything the world is

saying and the Thief is saying in your life, you are going to be very confused in your walk with God.

### **Daniel 11:32**

And such as do wickedly against the covenant shall he corrupt by flatteries (Fake News): **but the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits.**

That's talking about The Abundant Life.

Look at that you are either going to be corrupt by his flatteries or you are going to Know Your God and be Strong and do Exploits.

### **1 John 2:22**

**Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ?**

Right there you know the Thief is talking.

- When someone says that Jesus isn't the Christ and He can't make a difference in your life,...
- **You know the Thief is talking.**
- That's a voice you don't want to listen to.

**John 8:44 Jesus speaking to Peter.**

**Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.**

Jesus had no problem pointing his finger at the wrong voice in His life and neither should you.

### **James 4:7 [Full Chapter]**

**Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.**



Acts 2: <sup>37</sup> Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?

<sup>38</sup> Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

<sup>39</sup> For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.

<sup>40</sup> And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation.

Do you see that? God wants to give you the Gift of the Holy Ghost!

- But don't you know that there are all kinds of voices out there that say, it's not for you today?
- That was just for the people back in that day..
- But look at vs 39 **For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.**

That sounds like He's still giving it away!

I had a preacher tell me one time that the Holy Ghost is not for people today. That it was only for those people back in the Bible days.

You know what my response was?

- You're too late!
- I already received it!
- I remember the night I spoke in tongues for the very first time.

See, a lie cannot have an effect on someone who knows the truth.

- Fake news can't mess you up when you are tuned in to the right channel.

- When you have your nose in the Good News, the Fake News can't Kill, Steal and Destroy in your life.

This is a simple message and it's supposed to be simple.

- It does not have to get complicated.
- It only becomes complicated when we allow the Fake News from the Thief to get into our heads and into our hearts.

See, there are some promises that God has promised and a hope that He gives in our lives...

- and we cannot tap into it if we don't know what it is and we don't understand how to see it come to place in our lives.