

Learn Life from Jesus ***Be Real***

John 10:10

*The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy.
I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.*

Imagine...

Jesus came to give life in all of its fullness

The masks we wear... not real

Matthew 23:27

Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs, which on the outside look beautiful, but inside they are full of the bones of the dead and of all kinds of filth. So you also on the outside look righteous to others, but inside you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.

Be Real!

People who live life to the fullest are the one's who are most real (i.e. most authentic)

Problem with "being real" is that you can get hurt.

Dilemma –

I can't have a full life if I'm not authentic.

If I'm authentic I am vulnerable.

Solution –

I can only be real when I am accepted.

Christian community is the place to give and receive acceptance.

How is acceptance possible?

John 13:34-35

I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

Pay it forward

2 Corinthians 5:17

So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

When I am real, Christ can make me into a new creation.

I am free to be me

Abundant living is participating in the life of God and that is only possible if I live authentically (i.e. I am real)