

the  Venues  
Go Deep  
The Party of Life  
Happy New Year!  
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*How did you “ring in the New Year” this year?*

Read John 1:4; John 10:10 and John 5:39.

*What word is repeated in these references?*

*What comes to your mind when you read the word “abundant?”*

To understand what Jesus meant by “abundant” we need to read it in light of John 9 the account of Jesus healing a man who had been blind from birth.

...a man who had been cut off from the community

...a man who had been condemned by the religious world

Read John 9:16, 28, 34

*Describe the Pharisees reaction to the healed man and Jesus?*

*How is their response repeated by the religious world today?*

Jesus gave this man abundant life by *Including* him and *Freeing* him from a toxic theology.

*In what way have you been a victim of toxic theology?*

With what character in the story do you best relate?

*The blind man who had been excluded and condemned by the religious world?*

*The Pharisees who were the propagators of toxic theology?*

*Jesus, who offered the man and us inclusion and freedom?*