JOHN 10:10 NIV Kahu Billy Mitchell July 31, 2022

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

1. The Thief - To Be Respected <u>Jude 1:9 NIV</u> [®] But even the archangel Michael, when he was disputing with the devil about the body of Moses, did not himself dare to condemn him for slander but said, "The Lord rebuke you!"

The thief is patient, cunning, deadly, defeated!!!! Satan is not to be our focus! The thief's power in your life comes from your lack of knowledge! The thief's power comes from our lack of exercise of God's word in our lives !!!

2. Jesus . . . The Great I AM! Jesus said, " I am come that they "might" have life and have it to the full!" <u>John 8:58 NIV</u> "Very truly I tell you," Jesus answered, "before Abraham was born, **"I am!"** Jesus said: "I am!" We say: "You are!"

Jesus said "I am the light of the world" - <u>John 8:12</u> "I am the true vine - <u>John 15:1,5</u> "I am the resurrection and the life" - <u>John 11:25</u> "I am the way, the truth and the life - <u>John 14:6</u>

3. Exercise your authority over Satan - "Resist him and he must flee!"

James 4:7-8a & 10 ² Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸ Come near to God and he will come near to you . . . ¹⁰ Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.

In Jesus' name, I resist you Satan!

<u>Colossians 3:16 NASB1995</u> Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms *and* hymns *and* spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

Arm yourself with your go to scripture(s) <u>Jeremiah 29:11 NIV</u> For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

The word: Say it. Pray it. trust it. Share it. Don't give up, be transformed = Romans 12:2 NIV

4. Thank God for everything He has done for you and will do! (Psalm 92 KJV)

If you cannot see and thank God for the things he has done, is doing and is going to do for you , you are missing the subtle and not so subtle stealing, killing and destroying that the thief is doing in your life! The short history of God's love and favor for this church - from my house > theater > receiving this land and buldings > the walls > the cesspool

5. Exercise your abundant life! Stay in your bubble of 'can do' believers!

"Don't listen to the 'no can' crowd! or the confusion crowd!" Turn the juke box off in your head! God Loves you so much! <u>Philippians 4:13 NIV</u> I can do all this through him who gives me strength. <u>Philippians 4:19 NASB</u> And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

Conclusion: Go live God's abundant life, as witnesses of the living God, for you and your whole 'ohana, now! Amene!!!