

## Your best life now is the abundant life that Jesus brings.

“I am come so that they may have life and have it in abundance.”—Jesus

(From John 10:10b CSB)

Life is more than existing, maintaining, competing, or striving for more of what the world has to offer. There is an abundant and satisfying life available to us. Jesus said so. There is a place of provision and rest. Years ago I heard “You’re on track. The heavens are opened. Come up Higher.” It has taken me over 20 years to begin to grasp what this invitation means.

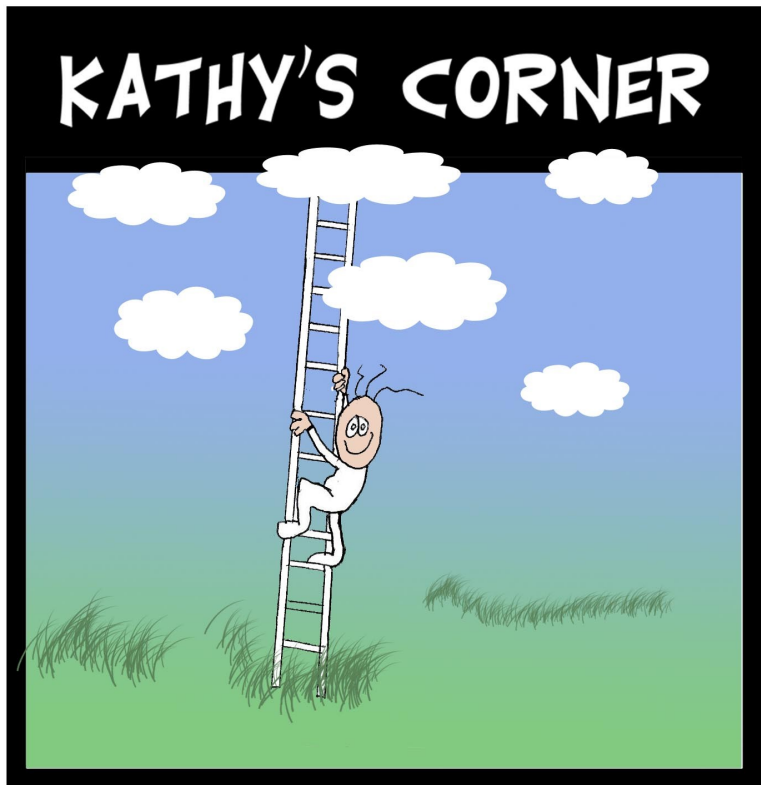
The Israelites couldn’t enter Canaan—the good land, because of their unbelief. In Hebrews we are warned that we may not enter His rest because of unbelief. Why is it that we have such difficulty believing?

### **What is keeping us from walking in an anointed partnership with God?**

We all have heard, “You shall know the truth, and the truth shall set you free.” What lies of the enemy are we believing? We need to get past these to “come up higher.” **We are all invited to a feast.**

I have gleaned many nuggets this week from a few messages by Stephanie Ike. I would like to share some with you that spoke to me, calling to mind and reinforcing much of what I have learned at NUMA:

1. *Don’t let your heart be tainted by your history* (leads to bondage and defeat);
2. *Don’t define people by their brokenness* (leads to bitterness and unforgiveness);
3. *We should love by faith* (just as we walk by faith, not by feeling);
4. *There is a journey before the “suddenly”* (Paige and Doug remind us that the 40 years in the wilderness could have/should have been only 11 days);
5. *Your limiting is the lies you are believing—your portion is an open heaven;*
6. *Everything is strategic toward building a kingdom* (Which kingdom are you working on? You are on one side or the other.);
7. *Anointing is attracted to battle* (We undo the works of the devil. This is not always on a grand scale or a platform. It can be as simple as loving on someone the devil has wounded or the accuser is hurting, or as Paige says, “Putting the truth in place of a lie.”);



8. *When your heart is in alignment with God's nature, you will hear Him.* (This is really what what is going on when we are *praying in Jesus name*. It isn't tacking the words "in Jesus name" to our prayers.);
9. *When you operate under the Word of God there is a guarantee that you will make progress in all that you do.* (His word doesn't return void. It accomplishes.);
10. *Anointing is for a purpose. Put value on what you are supposed to do, or people will direct your time.*

Something else Stephanie said that really resonated with me, **"There was nothing I desired more than to walk out the version of me that God knows."** Can we say the same? I think most of us at NUMA can.

Do you believe God has a plan for your life? Do you believe there is a fruitful harvest connected to His plan for your life? Are you willing to set your plans aside, to lay down your life, so that you can have your best life—your abundant life now? ("A life for a life," says Paige)

Stephanie also pointed out, "God empowers what your life has always been set apart for." In our NUMA prayer meeting Cathy Foster shared something she had heard, "Can God trust you to trust Him?" **Introduce the Lord into every situation.** It is His work to accomplish. He will do it. He is with us, in us, it doesn't matter how we feel. He never leaves us. We must believe this to enter into the best life, the good land. We are victorious in Him. Abide. Pray His word. Pray His will.