

real.



*We write this to make
your joy complete.
| John 1:4*

Introduction:

- At Cedar Point this summer with my kids, we ran from one thrill ride to another all day long. But at the end of the day, we were left with the feeling of wanting more.
- Many of our culture's top athletes, rock stars and business tycoons experience the same feeling. Consider the following quotes from those at the "top of their game."

There has to be more than this.

Tom Brady, Quarterback,
New England Patriots

I Can't Get No Satisfaction

Song by Mick Jagger and
remade by Britney Spears

- But not everybody lives life unsatisfied. Interestingly, a simple first-century fisherman-turned-author found a life worth living. It's the kind of life we all **really** want.

The Life I Really Want Is _____

The one who existed from the beginning is the one we have heard and seen. We saw him with our own eyes and touched him with our own hands. He is Jesus Christ, the Word of life. | John 1:1

Word – Gk. *logos*

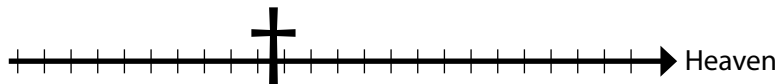
The most vitally important phrase in this verse is made up of three words, "Word of life."

What does John mean by the use of the word Logos? "Word" within the Greek world of thought carries in it the sense of meaning, reason, purpose of it all.

Earl F. Palmer, **The Communicator's Commentary: 1,2,3 John**, p. 23.

Jesus Christ is the _____ of life.

How does Jesus Christ give my life meaning and purpose?



The Life I Really Want Is _____

We are telling you about what we ourselves have actually seen and heard, so that you may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy will be complete. (v. 3,4)

Fellowship

*The word koinonia is used in classical Greek as a term to express the most intimate kinds of human relationship as, for example, in a marriage. John MacArthur, **New Testament Commentary 1-3 John**, p. 19*

Joy

Complete/full

Conclusion:

The life I really want begins when I _____ to Jesus.