



# WELCOME!

WE'RE SO GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

Our mission is to help people **Come** to know Jesus as Savior, **Grow** in a relationship with Him, and **Live** their lives for Him. God loves you and we pray that during the worship service you will be able to connect with Him through song, scripture, and the message.

**Sunday, November 12, 2023**

**Sermon Series: Let Go and Take Hold**

**Sermon Title: My Best Life**

**Scripture: John 15:4-6**

**Speaker: Pastor Kendall Harger**

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Sermon Notes  
November 12, 2023

**My Best Life**

Big Idea

When I let go I can take hold  
of something even better.

John 15:4-6

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**SILENCE and SOLITUDE**

A Time for Silence, A Time for Solitude

Big Idea: Having quiet time, and being alone with  
Jesus, is essential to my spiritual life.

Mark 1:35: Before daybreak the next morning, Jesus  
got up and went out to an isolated place to pray.

**SABBATH**

Honoring the Sabbath

Big Idea: The Sabbath is a chance to rest and  
recharge without guilt.

Mark 2:27: The Sabbath was made to meet the  
needs of people, and not people to meet  
the requirements of the Sabbath.

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## **SIMPLICITY**

KISS: Keep It Simple Sheep

Big Idea: Simplicity will give me margin.

Matthew 6:20-21: Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal. Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.

## **SLOWING**

Slow Moving Christians Ahead

Big Idea: Slowing down increases my capacity to be present with God and others.

Psalms 46:10: Be still and know that I am God.

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“To remain in Christ means to keep up a habit of constant close communication with Him – to be always leaning on Him, resting on Him, pouring out our hearts to Him, and using Him as our Fountain of life and strength, as our chief Companion and best Friend.” -J.C. Ryles

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## Sermon Discussion

### Ice Breaker

What plant best describes you and/or your week? Towering Oak? Weeping Willow? Tumbleweed? Crab-apple tree? Other? Why?

### Questions

1. Which part of the message (or series) was the most impactful for you and why?

2. Pastor Kendall reviewed each of the four practices meant to ruthlessly eliminate "hurry" in our lives and create space for Jesus. Which of these practices do you think has been or will be most helpful for you as you seek to remain in Christ? Why?

Which do you feel you would struggle with the most? Why?

-Silence & Solitude (Mark 1:35)

-Sabbath (Mark 2:27)

-Simplicity (Matthew 6:19-21)

-Slowing (Psalm 46:10)

3. In what ways does the world's advice differ from Jesus' advice in John 15:4?

4. Fortunately, John explains the concept of *remain* elsewhere in his writings. What does it look like in the following examples to live a life that remains in Christ?

1 John 1:10,14; 1 John 2:8,24; 1 John 3:6,24; 1 John 4:12,16.

5. How are you remaining in the vine (in Christ) during this season?

6. What kind of fruit does Paul refer to in Galatians 5:22-23? How might we cultivate this kind of fruit?

7. What could be identified as false fruit in the life of a believer? Is there a false fruit you are tempted to produce on your own?

8. What evidence is there that you (or other believers) are attached to the vine and producing fruit?

9. What actions does God want you to take? What is one action you can implement first?