Sermon Notes

The Hive

- Key Scripture: Psalm 133:1–3
  "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard... as the dew of Hermon... for there the Lord commanded the blessing, even life for evermore."

Core Themes & Takeaways:

1. The Kingdom by Design (The Metaphor of the Beehive)
   - God created nature—such as ants and bees—with inherent wisdom to show us how community functions.
   - A beehive only works when every individual bee surrenders its independent will to serve the queen and the greater colony. In the same way, believers must surrender personal will to the King and the Kingdom of God.
   - Sin disrupted God's original design, but Christ came to give us back the blueprint.
2. Design Over Desire
   - Living as a disciple requires prioritizing God's design over personal feelings, trauma, or desires (Luke 9:23).
   - When desire becomes your compass, you twist Scripture to match your preferences. When God's design is your compass, you submit your life to His Word even when it is hard.
   - Growth requires discipleship: people often want a good sermon, but true transformation happens when you are willing to be pastored and renewed in your mind.
3. Diversity Within Unity
   - Unity doesn't mean uniformity; bees serve different functions as they age (nursing, building, foraging, guarding).
   - In the Body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12), assignments differ, but value does not. Every role matters—from the usher at the door to the preacher behind the microphone.
   - Believers shouldn't sit on the sidelines as spectators; everyone has a part to play in the Kingdom until their final breath.

4. The Commanded Blessing
    - In Psalm 133, unity is compared to an abundant flow of anointing oil—not just a drop, but an overflow from the head down to the hem of the garment.
    - When a church operates in genuine unity, God does not just grant accidental blessings; He *commands* the blessing.
    - A commanded blessing carries royal authority that cannot be reversed by circumstance, enemies, or past mistakes.
5. Surrounding Yourself with True Believers
    - You cannot make it alone; two are better than one (Ecclesiastes 4:9–10).
    - It is vital to surround yourself with believers who speak to your spirit and your victory, rather than those who simply validate your pain and keep you stuck.