

Finding the God Who Isn't Hiding

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Deuteronomy 4:29 *“But from there you will search again for the Lord your God. And if you search for him with all your heart and soul, you will find him.”*

Hide and seek is one of the first games children learn. Someone closes their eyes, counts loudly, and the rest run to find the perfect hiding spot. The goal is simple: hide well enough so not to be found first. When the seeker finally spots someone, there's lots of excitement, and then the game begins again.

In many ways, people assume God plays hide and seek with us. They imagine Him distant, silent, and tucked away somewhere for us to discover Him. But Scripture tells a very different story. God is not hiding from us. He is waiting to be sought by us.

Deuteronomy 4:29 is a promise spoken to people who had wandered far away and felt like they had failed. God didn't say, “If you search hard enough, maybe I'll show up.” He said, “You will find Me.” This doesn't sound like us being clever enough to find Him, it's speaks clearly to His faithfulness.

Jesus says it like this in Matthew, “Ask and you will receive what you ask for. Seek, and you will find. Knock, and the door will be opened to you.” Matthew 7:7

This is not a casual glance or distracted interest. It's the kind of seeking we see in a child during hide and seek. Their eyes are wide open and they are fully engaged, moving intentionally in a way that someone can be found. They search because they know someone is there.

At The Assembly, we teach kids that God is attentive and eager to be known. We don't train them to believe God is distant or hard to reach. We help them learn that when they pray, worship, ask questions, and open their hearts, God responds. He's not hiding somewhere for them to discover; He's waiting to reveal Himself to their seeking hearts.

The truth is this: in God's version of hide and seek, He's already stepping out from behind the tree. He wants to be found and He promises His presence to those who seek Him wholeheartedly.

So today, seek Him like a child playing the game, expectant and full of trust. You're not searching for a God who is hiding. You're finding a God who has been there all along.

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