

CROSS CHURCH



JULY 06, 2025

**SUMMER IN THE
WILD: PART 5–
WILDERNESS BOLD:
JOHN THE BAPTIST**

LIKE JOHN THE BAPTIST, WE'RE CALLED TO BE:

1. Unshakeable and Bold

John the Baptist lived courageously, stayed true to his convictions, and boldly prepared the way for Jesus—even when it wasn't comfortable.

MARK 1:4 John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins [that is, requiring a change of one's old way of thinking, turning away from sin and seeking God and His righteousness].

BEING COURAGEOUS DOESN'T MEAN YOU'RE NOT SCARED—IT MEANS YOU DO IT SCARED AND TRUST GOD TO WORK IT OUT.

LUKE 3:7-20, MATTHEW 3:1-2

YOU HAVE A DIFFERENT LEVEL OF CONFIDENCE WHEN YOU KNOW YOUR IDENTITY IN CHRIST.

2. Focused and Free

John lived free from distraction and completely focused on his calling. Even when others missed Jesus, John made Him known.

MATTHEW 6:19-21 "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

JOHN 1:6-11

ARE WE DISTRACTED BY WHAT'S CONVENIENT OR ARE OUR HEARTS SET ON HIM?

WHEN OUR HEARTS ARE SET ON HIM, WE HEAR GOD SPEAKING, FEEL HIS PRESENCE AND SEE HIS VISION.

3. Honoring and Faithful

John stewarded the wilderness with humility, serving in simplicity and always pointing the glory back to Jesus.

PURPOSE IS WHAT ANCHORS WHEN PROGRESS FEELS INVISIBLE.

MATTHEW 3:1 In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea...

MATTHEW 3:4, JOHN 1:30-31

OUR WILDERNESS ISN'T ABOUT MAKING US IMPRESSIVE—IT'S ABOUT MAKING JESUS KNOWN.

WE'RE CALLED TO LIVE LIKE JOHN—COURAGEOUS IN TRUTH, FREE FROM DISTRACTION, AND FAITHFUL TO HONOR GOD ABOVE ALL.

TABLE TALK:

Take the time for intentional conversations and questions with your friends and family based on this weekend's message!

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What is the Holy Spirit speaking to me today, and how can I apply it?

DIVE NIGHT
7TH - 12TH GRADE
WEDNESDAY AT 7PM

**CROSSWALK
CLASSES**
SUNDAY AT 10:15AM

**SUMMER
SMALL GROUPS**
JUNE 15-JULY 27

**SERVE
DAY**
JULY 12

**MOTION
CONFERENCE**
JULY 24-26

**21 DAYS OF
PRAYER**
AUGUST 3-23

**CHILD
DEDICATIONS**
AUGUST 09-10

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