

The Danger of Doing Without Dwelling

In our busy Christian lives, it is easy to confuse activity with intimacy. We can serve, sing, teach, give, and even lead and yet quietly drift from the presence of the very One we are serving. This is not a new problem. When Martha busied herself with preparations, while Mary simply sat at Jesus' feet, our Lord said: *"Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the better portion, which will not be taken away from her"* (Luke 10:41-42).

The danger is subtle: we can perform for Christ while neglecting to be with Christ. Our hands may be full of service, but our hearts empty of His Spirit. Jesus Himself warned that on the last day some will say, *"Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name... and do many mighty works in your name?"*—and yet He will reply, *"I never knew you"* (Matthew 7:22-23). The issue is not the absence of works, but the absence of relationship.

This is why our vision as a church begins with being **rooted in Christ**. Only when our roots sink deep into His presence can our service bear fruit that lasts. Apart from Him, we can do nothing (John 15:5). In Him, even the smallest act of faithfulness becomes an eternal seed.

Let us not trade the "better portion" for busyness. Before we rush to perform, may we first pause to dwell. May our lives and ministries be marked not just by what we do for God, but by the joy of being with God.

For His Glory,
Pastor Dillon Evans



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*We thank God you are here and hope you get to know Jesus
by receiving His love and His church's ministries.
Please fill out a "Welcome or C.A.R.E. Card" & place it in the offering plate.*

11:00 am **WORSHIP** August 10, 2025

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP * 604 vs. 1—4 "Come, All Christians, Be Committed"

HYMN OF PRAISE * 39 vs. 1 & 2 "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"
WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS Jamie Moore, Deacon

CHILDREN'S SERMON Sonya Anthony
MINISTRIES/PRAYER Pastor Dillon Evans

ANTHEM The Kellum Family

PARALLEL SCRIPTURE : Colossians 1:28 & 29 Leilah Henson

HYMN OF OFFERING * 395 vs. 1 & 4 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

OFFERTORY PRAYER Jamie Moore, Deacon

OFFERING

DOXOLOGY * Hymn 253

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 28:19—20 Pastor Dillon Evans

SERIES: Waypoints

MESSAGE "Make Disciples" Pastor Dillon Evans

HYMN OF INVITATION * 294 "Have Thine Own Way, Lord"
(please use your hymnals)

CLOSING PRAYER Pastor Dillon Evans

CLOSING CHORUS * 328 "Wonderful Grace of Jesus"

"As you go, make disciples..." Matthew 28:19
Pray, call, visit, minister, witness with members and others.

POSTLUDE Please take this time to greet one another

*Congregation Stands

CLOSING CHORUS # 328
"Wonderful Grace of Jesus"

Won—der—ful the match—less grace of Jes—sus,
Deep—er than the might—y roll—ing sea;
Won—der—ful grace all—suf—fi—cient for me, for even me;
Broad—er than the scope of my trans—gres—sions,
Great—er far than all my sin and shame;
O mag—ni—fy the pre—cious name of Je—sus,
Praise His name!

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