

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 3, 2025
PRELUDE		
CALL TO WORSHIP * 553	vs. 1 & 2	"I'll Tell the World That I'm a Christian"
HYMN OF PRAISE * 533 vs. 1—3		"He Lives"
WELCOME/ ANNOUNCEMENTS		Keith Belvin, Deacon
CHILDREN'S SERMON MINISTRIES/PRAYER		Theresa Svoboda Pastor Dillon Evans
ANTHEM	"Step Into the Water" by Mosie Lister	Chancel Choir
PARALLEL SCRIPTURE: I Corinthians 5:20		Alayna Riedel
HYMN OF OFFERING * 559 vs. 1 & 3		"Rescue the Perishing"
OFFERTORY PRAYER OFFERING		Keith Belvin, Deacon
DOXOLOGY*		Hymn 253
SCRIPTURE	Romans 1:16	Pastor Dillon Evans
SERIES	Waypoints	
MESSAGE	"Reach the Lost"	Pastor Dillon Evans
HYMN OF INVITATION * 550		"I'd Rather Have Jesus"
LORD'S SUPPER		
BLESSING		Pastor Dillon Evans
THE LORD'S SUPPER		
CLOSING CHORUS *387		"Blest Be the Tie"
POSTLUDE Please take this time to greet one another.		

*Congregation Please Stand

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

CLOSING CHORUS # 387
"Blest Be the Tie"

Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Chris—tian love;
The fel—low—ship of kin—dred minds
Is like to that a—bove.

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