



Sermon Notes: “Sent to be Unstoppable”

Matthew 12:15-21

4.19.26

What does unstoppable look like?

- God's justice doesn't take sides — it restores all sides.

Jesus' silence vs. our engagement

- Faithful presence isn't always loud — but it's never silent when the Holy Spirit says speak.
- Jesus doesn't discard what's damaged — He restores it.
- Kingdom power doesn't always look powerful — but it is unstoppable.

So What?

Jesus was sent to be unstoppable, and so is His bride.

Judge Jesus by Jesus.

For Study, Reflection, Discussion During the Week:

Life Group ICEBREAKER: When you hear the word "unstoppable," what person, team, or moment comes to mind? What made them seem that way — and did their kind of power last?

REVIEW:

Review the sermon notes from Sunday. Was there a particular point that stuck with you? What was it and why did it resonate with you?

READ: Matthew 12:15-16

- The Pharisees were plotting to destroy Jesus, and He knew it — yet He kept serving. Where in your life is opposition or resistance making it tempting to stop serving, stop engaging, or stop showing up? What would it look like to keep going anyway?
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READ: Matthew 12:17-21 (Isaiah 42:1-4)

- The prophecy says the Servant "will not fight or shout or raise his voice in public" — but the in the sermon Darin was clear this isn't a call to silence. It's about method. How do you personally navigate the tension between speaking boldly and speaking humbly? Are you more prone to say too much or stay too quiet? What does faithful, Spirit-led presence look like for you right now?
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READ: Matthew 12:20 — "A bruised reed he will not break"

- A bruised reed is cracked and useless. A smoldering wick gives no light. Both would normally get thrown away — but Jesus tends them instead. Where do you see yourself in that image right now? Is there an area of your life where you've felt discarded, written off, or "past the point of usefulness"? How does this passage speak to that?
 - Darin closed with this challenge: "Don't judge Jesus by His poor representatives. Judge Jesus by Jesus." For someone who has been hurt by the church or by Christians, what would you say is the most important thing they need to see in you — in how you live and engage — before they'd be willing to take another look at Jesus?
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DEPLOY:

- Check Your Method. Think about one conversation or situation this week where you'll have the opportunity to engage on something that matters — at work, at home, online, or in your community. Before you engage, ask yourself: Am I trying to win an argument or win a person? Am I speaking out of Spirit-led conviction or out of frustration? Let your answer shape how you show up.

Don't Forget:

- Sunday school is starting back up today! After service join one of our Sunday School classes for more fellowship and learning.
 - Consider volunteering at VBS this year, June 8th- 12th talk to Shaun for more information
 - Graduation Sunday May 24th!
 - Cove Camp 2026 – Register using the QR code in the bulletin or go to our church website.
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Prayer:

*Father, thank You for showing us what unstoppable really looks like. Not loud. Not forceful. Not dominating. But gentle, relentless, and rooted in love that nothing could stop — not opposition, not a cross, not even death. Forgive us for the times we've wanted a warrior and missed the servant. Forgive us for the times we've broken what was bruised or snuffed out what was barely flickering — in others and in ourselves. Help us see the people around us the way Jesus sees them. Help us lead the way Jesus led — with authority under control, with compassion that isn't weakness, and with a presence that points people to You. And for anyone in this group who feels like a bruised reed or a smoldering wick right now — speak over them today. Remind them that You don't discard what's cracked. You restore it. May we be people who carry that same spirit into every room we walk into this week.
In Jesus' name, Amen.*