SUNDAY SERMON

RECAP

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Sermon Notes

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Key Scripture: Exodus 33:11-14 (NKJV)

Introduction

Our theme for the year has been "A year of rest". We have focused on abiding in Christ, slowing down our lives, and entering a rhythm of grace. God is calling us back to a simplicity of walking with Him.

It is so clear that productivity for God doesn't mean proximity to God. There is a first love that we need to continually return to, a first love relationship with the Lord that is most valuable. Everything else should flow from that.

Revelation 2:2-6 (NKJV)
[2] I know your deeds, your hard work and your perseverance. I know that you cannot tolerate wicked people, that you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not, and have found them false. [3] You have persevered and have endured hardships for my name and have not grown weary. [4] Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken the love you had at first. [5] Consider how far you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first. If you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place. [6] But you have this in your favor: You hate the practices of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.

Point 1: Intimate Friendship

Exodus 33:11-14 (NKJV)
[11] So the Lord spoke to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend. And he would return to the camp, but his servant Joshua the son of Nun, a young man, did not depart from the tabernacle. The Promise of God's Presence. [12] Then Moses said to the Lord, "See, You say to me, 'Bring up this people.' But You have not let me know whom You will send with me. Yet You have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found grace in My sight.' [13] Now therefore, I pray, if I have found grace in Your sight, show me now Your way, that I may know You and that I may find grace in Your sight. And consider that this nation *is* Your people." [14] And He said, "My Presence will go *with you,* and I will give you rest."

The Lord spoke to Moses face to face as a man would speak to a friend.

In Genesis 15 God made a covenant with Abraham. And we too are in a covenant relationship with God. We enter covenant through death. We need to lay down our lives and our right to live for ourselves. Covenant says: I will die for you, Your interests take precedent over my own, If you have anything you need and I can't supply, then my supply becomes your supply.

God tested Abraham and asked him to sacrifice his son. Abraham was willing and the Lord provided a ram. But God would one day lay down his son to die for our sins. Covenant is the door to true friendship with God.

James 2:23b (NKJV)
"Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness." And he was called the friend of God.

Hebrews 8:7-12 (NKJV)
7 For if that first *covenant* had been faultless, then no place would have been sought for a second.
8 Because finding fault with them, He says: "Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah— 9 not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they did not continue in My covenant, and I disregarded them, says the Lord. 10 For this *is* the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put My laws in their mind and write them on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. 11 None of them shall teach his neighbor, and none his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them. 12 For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins [b]and their lawless deeds I will remember no more."

We all have access to a deep personal friendship with God because of the blood of Jesus.

The New covenant is an invitation to become a friend of God. A covenant friendship that will transcend any hardship we may face.

Point 2: The Place of Friendship

Exodus 33:12-13 (NKJV)
12 Then Moses said to the Lord, "See, You say to me, 'Bring up this people.' But You have not let me know whom You will send with me. Yet You have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found grace in My sight.' 13 Now therefore, I pray, if I have found grace in Your sight, show me now Your way, that I may know You and that I may find grace in Your sight. And consider that this nation *is* Your people."

Moses was asking God to show him his character, his heart, his nature. He was asking for intimacy.

Psalm 103:7 (NKJV)
He made known His ways to Moses, His acts to the children of Israel.

Psalm 25:14 (NKJV)
The secret of the Lord *is* with those who fear Him, and He will show them His covenant.

Psalm 25:14 (ESV)
The friendship] of the Lord is for those who fear him, and he makes known to them his covenant.

Psalm 25:14 (AMPC)
14 The secret [of the sweet, satisfying companionship] of the Lord have they who fear (revere and worship) Him, and He will show them His covenant *and* reveal to them its [deep, inner] meaning.

Friendship with God requires covenant and a deep understanding of the meaning of covenant. Friendship involves the sharing of deep secrets. This is what the Lord offers us. When we have this friendship with God we will see the world, and our lives, very differently.

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If we seek God only for his acts, we can fall into the trap found in Matthew 7.

Matthew 7:21-23 (NKJV)
21 "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. 22 Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' 23 And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'

How then should we live out lives?

1 Thessalonians 4:11 (NKJV)
11 that you also aspire to lead a quiet life, to mind your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you, 12 that you may walk properly toward those who are outside, and *that* you may lack nothing.

Our lives should be doing the talking. So many people want to be an influencer. But the manner in which we live in the world should be the example we give to others. It is our lives that should influence others for godliness.

God shares his heart in the quiet place far away from the noise of performance. Lead a quiet life. Resist the worlds demand for striving and performance. We will experience an inner rest rooted in the sovereignty of God.

Mind your own business. Stop gossiping, stop comparing yourself with others. We will be peacemakers and preserve the unity of the brethren.

Work with your hands. Become productive members of society and win the respect of unbelievers. Don't have a voice in order to have a voice. Have a voice in order to bless the lives of others.

Revelation 10:4 (NKJV)
4 Now when the seven thunders uttered their voices, I was about to write; but I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, "Seal up the things which the seven thunders uttered, and do not write them."

John is having a vision. And at one moment he hears an utterance that the Lord tells him not to write it down. He is the only one who heard what the seven thunders said. Sometimes God will share a secret with us that is only for us to hear. This is friendship with God. Perhaps this will involve hearing a message for a friend and praying it over them, or helping a friend, and then not telling anyone about it.

We can share testimonies, but we need to check our hearts. Jesus healed many people and then told them not to tell others. Our heart motivation should be look at what the Lord did, not look at how the Lord used me.



Point 3: The Gift of Friendship

[14] And He said, “My Presence will go *with you,* and I will give you rest.”

My presence will settle, soothe, quieten, comfort you.

There may be times in our lives where we come to the end of ourselves. But we come to this place with Jesus right beside us.

John 6:51 and 53 (NKJV)
[51] I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world.”
[53] Then Jesus said to them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you.

John 6:66-68 (NKJV)
[66] From that *time* many of His disciples went back and walked with Him no more. [67] Then Jesus said to the twelve, “Do you also want to go away?” [68] But Simon Peter answered Him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. [69] Also we have come to believe and know that You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

Testimony
A pastor from the United States had a mentor from India. While travelling around India with his mentor he realized how passionate the believers were about serving the Lord. He asked, “Where do the casual Christians go?” Answer - Why would anyone do that?

Friendship with God cannot be done casually. It may cost reputation. It may cost some relationships. It may cost a dream that you may have. But it is the greatest thing a human being can have.

Exodus 33:14
[14] And He said, “My Presence will go *with you,* and I will give you rest.”

