



Sermon Series: Never Alone
Sermon Title: God Leading You (Us)

Michael shared the story of the Little Prince and Pauper's Baby. Have you ever found yourself thinking you are meant to live more than you currently are?

How can we be more mindful of God's Spirit living within us? Living with the King. *John 8:32; John 10:10*

Matthew 28:20 – "I am with you ALWAYS" – We are Never Alone

Recognize your inheritance and then and only then can you abide in Him.

Read John 15:5 – *5 I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. 6 If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. 7 If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. 8 By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.*

Read 2 Peter 1:3 – *"His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence,"*

Irony - He bestows goodness, righteousness, and grace and we choose a ruinous path.

But what about the mess that many of our lives can create?

It is so good that Christ never leaves us.

Read Ephesians 2:10 – *10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.*

We are created for good works – clarification here - He does not save you for yourself but for His glory and He shares all that He is with us. God saves us for Himself.

Belief is not the same as worship (Believing in God is just not enough.)

James 2:19 - You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder!

We need to desire Him as both Savior and Lord – Lordship only comes through surrender.

Worship involves the act of surrender.

It really is a misnomer that you can be a Christ-follower and actually not follow Him through surrender.

- A child of God surrenders their rights to follow God.
- The more we recognize the yuckiness of our sin, the more we realize the magnitude and depth of the grace that God extends.

We worship whatever we give most of our lives to. What or whom do you worship?

Five Ways Our Lives Reflect Worship of God (the fifth one will be shared next week)

1. **Appreciation** – surrender of your time, energy and resources because of His great love for you. In your time with God, do you thank Him for His grace, etc.? Childlike in our thanks and gratefulness for Who God is and what He does.

Psalm 30:11-12 - You have turned for me my mourning into dancing; you have loosed my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness, that my glory may sing your praise and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever!

2. **Adoration** – not out of duty but out of a great love for Who He is and what He has done. An amazement of His mercy and grace.

Psalm 103:1-5 - Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name! Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

The organic outpouring of a heart that comes into contact with perfection.

Matthew 14:33 "And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God.""
- when the storm stopped they worshipped Christ

3. **Affection** – expressing love – the natural outpouring of a love relationship. You show it by reading His Word, prayer and doing these personally and corporately. Quality and quantity time.

1 Thessalonians 5:17 pray without ceasing,

Joshua 1:9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

4. **Glorification** – daily surrendering – daily confession and repentance for God's glory.

The chief end of man is to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever. It is not about us enjoying God but glorifying Him. Not what we can get from God but the glory we can bring Him.

*Hebrews 12:1-2 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, **looking to Jesus**, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.*

John 3:30 - He must increase but I must decrease.

When deciding, ask these questions - What will give God the most glory? (eg. What job? Who will I marry? What will I say or not say?)

What is keeping you from completely surrendering your life to Christ?

Allow people to share their prayer concerns and close your time in prayer.