

SERMON GUIDE

4.12.2026

How To Use This : after experiencing the sermon, take some time to interact with these elements. Set aside some intentional time to do this. You can use the Sermon Guide for personal study, discussion with a friend, or devotional time as a family. There are recommended songs to listen to, Bible verses to read, and discussion questions to consider. Enjoy this opportunity to grow!

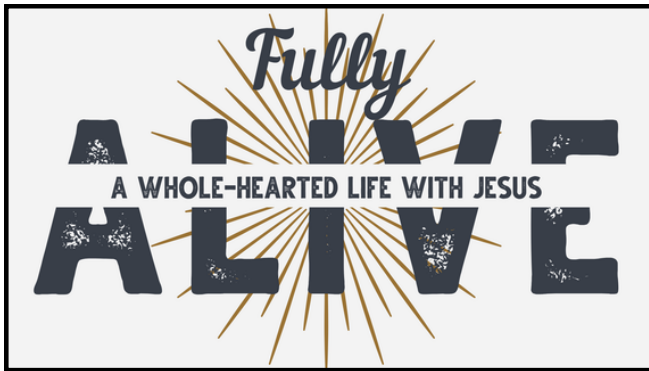
Worship Time : listen to the song “Hidden” by United Pursuit, it is available on all platforms. The lyrics are amazing! This song captures childlike faith and trust.

Bible Verses :

- Matthew 18:1-6
- 1 Peter 2:9
- Galatians 2:20
- John 13:21-35

Sermon Summary :

The wholehearted life begins not with the pursuit of greatness, but with childlike faith. The world defines a "full life" as having all that you desire, becoming a self-made success story, or being in control over your own life and destiny. But the Kingdom of God flips that script entirely. Real joy and purpose isn't found in a relentless climb toward greatness or independence; no matter how much you earn or how strong you believe yourself to be, you cannot create eternal wealth or eternal status or eternal life for yourself. You desperately need God! To be fully alive, we are challenged to distinguish between being childish and being childlike, which requires a true reliance on God as our Heavenly Father. Our whole life, our whole identity must be founded on the reality for our need for God. We need God the way a child needs their parent. The greatest gift that you can receive is the gift of knowing that you belong to God. The greatest gift that you can share with your spouse, your children, your friends and family - is the gift of loving and serving them as God's beloved child. Building our own lives and identities invites us to compete, to take for ourselves and to deny others. This is childish... but childlike faith invites us to be fully alive and filled with reality of God's greatness. Depend on God, delight in Him, and declare His goodness. Trust in the Son of God, who loved you and gave himself for you.



Prayer : God, you are so good! Thank you for all that you have done for me, thank you for loving me and for calling me to be your child. Lord, forgive me for the times when I have demanded my own way. Lead me and guide me to see you in every area of my life. I belong to you. I trust you. Thank you for giving me the chance to be fully alive. In Jesus name we pray, amen.

Discussion Questions :

1. The disciples often argued about who was the greatest among them. How did Jesus respond to them, how did He challenge and correct them?
2. What does it mean to be fully alive in Christ? How is this reality and definition different than what the world around us tries to offer?
3. The sermon distinguishes between being childish (demanding, self-centered, defiant) and being childlike (trusting, dependent, faithful). Are there any specific areas of your life that are childish? How could you have more childlike faith in those specific areas?
4. How can embracing your identity as God's child impact your view of yourself and your worth? How can embracing your friends and family as beloved sons and daughters of God impact your relationship with them?
5. "Depend on God, delight in Him, and declare His goodness." Which of these three things do you need to grow in this season? What steps could you actually take this week to grow?

Notes :