

The Rest of Your Life Starts Now

Day 1 – Hide and Seek

Scripture: *“Jesus replied: ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”* — Gospel of Matthew 22:37–39

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations...” — Gospel of Matthew 28:19

When we were kids, one of the favorite games in the neighborhood was **hide and seek**.

One person would cover their eyes and count while everyone else scattered, ducking behind trees, sliding under porches, or squeezing behind the shed. Then the words would come ringing out:

“Ready or not... here I come!”

The whole point of the game was to **hide**.

But when it comes to living the life God calls us to live, hiding is the one thing we’re not supposed to do.

Jesus made our purpose pretty clear. First, **love God with everything you have**. Second, **love people the way you love yourself**. Then He gave His followers their assignment: **go and make disciples**.

Remember that found people find people. That doesn’t sound like hiding.

That sounds like **stepping out where people can see your faith**.

Sometimes we hide in subtle ways.

We hide behind busy schedules.

We hide behind comfort zones.

We hide behind the fear of what someone might think.

But Jesus didn't call His followers to stay tucked away in safe corners of life. He called them to **go**.

The truth is, the rest of your life isn't meant to be lived in hiding.

God placed you exactly where you are—your family, your workplace, your community—so His love could be seen through you.

And just like that childhood game, there's a moment when hiding is over.

The call of Christ is almost like hearing those familiar words again:

“Ready or not... here I come.”

And when He comes looking for us, the question won't be how well we hid our faith.

The question will be **how well we lived it**.

The rest of your life starts now.

So step out from behind the tree.

Someone may be waiting to see Jesus through you today.

Prayer

Lord, help me stop hiding the life You've called me to live.

Teach me to love You with my whole heart and to love people the way

You do. Give me courage to step out in faith and share Your truth

wherever I go. Let the rest of my life be lived boldly for You. In Jesus

Name We Pray, Amen.