



SUNDAY MESSAGE NOTES AND INTERACTIVE PDF

Dwell in the Secret Place

Return to the Father in the secret place, let His Word renew you, and pray from a life of fellowship with Him.

SERMON TITLE	MINISTER
Dwell in the Secret Place	Pastor Jason Gillick
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Sunday, April 28, 2024	Psalm 91:1-2 ; Matthew 6:6

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NOTES

Truth to carry into the week.

01 Dwell in the Father's presence.

- Psalm 91 begins with a life that dwells in the secret place of the Most High. Make His presence a home, not an occasional visit. ([Psalm 91:1-2](#))
- The Lord makes a way for His children to draw near. Come to Him with trust, even when life is difficult. ([Hebrews 4:16](#))
- Remember the joy found in His presence. A relationship with Him is worth more than a brief feeling. ([Psalm 16:11](#))

"The key is to fellowship with him."

STUDY [Psalm 91:1-2](#); [Hebrews 4:16](#); [Psalm 16:11](#)

02 Make room for private prayer each day.

- Jesus says to go into a private room and pray to the Father who sees in secret. Let that unseen time matter to you. ([Matthew 6:6](#))
- Bring your needs and burdens to God honestly. Prayer is communion with the Father, not a performance for others. ([Philippians 4:6-7](#))

- Return to Him regularly, even when you arrive tired or troubled. Daily fellowship builds a life of trust. ([Psalm 63:1](#))

“Make a decision in your heart that you're going to connect with Heavenly Father every day”

STUDY [Matthew 6:6](#); [Philippians 4:6-7](#)

03 Let the Word renew how you see yourself.

- In Christ, a person is a new creation. Do not let old labels settle the question of who you are. ([2 Corinthians 5:17](#))
- Be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Bring anxious or condemning thoughts under the truth of God's Word. ([Romans 12:2](#))
- God's love comes first. Let His love shape your response to Him and to others. ([1 John 4:19](#))

“You've got to change the default to His word and to His truth.”

STUDY [2 Corinthians 5:17](#); [Romans 12:2](#); [1 John 4:19](#)

04 Hear, speak, and practice the Word.

- Faith comes by hearing the Word of God. Read Scripture attentively and let it strengthen your trust in Him. ([Romans 10:17](#))
- Meditate on the Word and observe what it says. Keep it near your mouth and heart throughout ordinary days. ([Joshua 1:8](#))
- Be a doer of the Word. Speaking it should lead to faithful action, not replace obedience. ([James 1:22](#))

“faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God.”

STUDY [Romans 10:17](#); [Joshua 1:8](#); [James 1:22](#)

05 Pray from God's direction, as Elijah did.

- James points to Elijah's earnest prayer as an example that prayer matters. He was a person with a nature like ours. ([James 5:16-18](#))
- Elijah spoke before Ahab as one standing before the Lord. His boldness followed his relationship with God and the word he received. ([1 Kings 17:1](#))
- When the Lord directed him to return, Elijah obeyed. Seek God's will rather than treating prayer as a way to display power. ([1 Kings 18:1](#); [James 5:17-18](#))

“Faith begins where the will of God is known.”

STUDY [James 5:16-18](#); [1 Kings 17:1](#); [1 Kings 18:1](#)

06 Know Him for yourself and carry His life outward.

- The people of Samaria first heard about Jesus from the woman at the well; then they heard Him and believed for themselves. ([John 4:39-42](#))
- You may be encouraged by another person's witness, but you can come to the Father yourself through Christ. ([Hebrews 4:16](#))
- Abide in Jesus and let His life bear fruit through you. Prayer and witness grow from that living connection. ([John 15:4-5](#))

“You have direct access to Heavenly Father.”

STUDY [John 4:39-42](#); [Hebrews 4:16](#); [John 15:4-5](#)

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How will I dwell in the secret place?

When will I set aside quiet time with the Father this week?

What old label or fear needs to be answered with God's Word?

Where can I turn a Scripture I have heard into obedient action?

What am I asking God to guide before I pray or speak with confidence?
