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Sermon Title: **“PRACTICING UNHURRIED COMMUNION WITH GOD”**

Psalm 46:8-11; John 15:1-11; Mark 1:29-39; Luke 10:38-42; Isaiah 61:1-3

- I am not in control
- My value is not found in my productivity
- God’s really great at speaking loudest in my stillness
- Weakness is actually often God’s classroom
- God’s way more interested in relationship than routine
- Genesis 5:21-24
- “Walked with” = to live in continual fellowship; to conduct life alongside (Enoch’s life was marked by sustained intimate communion with God)
- Genesis 6:9
- Psalm 46:8-11
- “Selah” = to pause and really ponder on what was just shared
- “Cease striving” = to let go; to release your grip; to stop fighting
- “Know” = (This is more than understanding facts about God); this is deep intimate experiential knowledge
- John 15:1-11
- “Abide” = to remain; to dwell; to continue in relationship (a settled presence)
- Mark 1:29-39
- Jesus prioritized withdrawing in solitude to pray
- “Secluded place” = a solitary place; a location away from noise, demands, crowds – this was a deliberate act of removal
- Luke 10:38-42
- Do our schedules get in the way of our relationship with God?
- “Distracted” = to be pulled apart; to be dragged in different directions
- Isaiah 61:1-3
- Before an oak tree grows tall it first grows deep