

# Jesus' Hidden Years & Yours

May 12th, 2024

*"In seasons of hiddenness our sense of value is disrupted, stripped of what others affirm us to be. In this season God intends to give us an unshakeable identity in him, that no amount of adoration or rejection can alter."* –Alicia Britt Chole

## Have you ever found yourself in a season of life where you felt invisible?

**Malachi 3:16** "Then those who feared the Lord spoke to one another and the Lord LISTENED to what they said. In his presence, a scroll of Remembrance was written to record the names of those who feared him and always thought about the honor of his name.

**Eph 3:14-21** "Now all glory to God, who is able, through his might power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think."

## 3 Reasons Why Hidden Seasons are Necessary:

### 1. Hidden Things \_\_\_\_\_.

- Jesus wasn't worried about being productive but obedient.
- Luke 2:52 *"Jesus grew in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and all the people."*
- *If Jesus needed to grow—SO DO WE!!*

### 2. Hidden Things are \_\_\_\_\_.

- Some of the most beautiful things are formed in in obscurity. (Baby in the womb)
- Psalm 139:13–16
- **You're not forgotten, you're in formation.**

### 3. Hidden Things Go \_\_\_\_\_.

- We don't need to grow taller or wider but deeper in him.
- Parable fig tree
- **Eph 3:16-19** *"Then Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him. Your roots will go down DEEP into God's love and keep you strong."*

**WE WANT TO PRAY FOR YOU** Visit the Prayer Area We have some folks that would love to pray for you for any reason or any need!

**NEXT STEPS** Today during the message Learn more about our church and how to get connected. Next Steps is four week class offered each Sunday during the message. Join the conversation in Classroom 2 today to learn more about our history and values.

**GIVE TO MISSIONS** Pledge or Give to International Missions Throughout March we talked about how we are supporting the church in Uganda, Colombia, and Georgia. Now let's give together!

*this week...*

**CROSS CURRENT** Tonight at 6pm 7th-12th graders gather weekly.

**LADIES & MENS GROUP** Wednesdays at 10am All men and women are invited to these two groups that meet at the church each Wednesday.

**BRIDGE** Thursday at 6pm 5th-7th graders gather every other week for an evening just for them to grow in their faith and have fun together.

**N.Y.S.U.M. TRIP** Pray for our group that leaves Friday We have a group of ladies going to NYC to serve with the New York School of Urban Ministry. Let's support them!

**FIRM FOUNDATION MENS GROUP** Saturdays at 8am All men are invited to this weekly group that meets here at the church on Saturday mornings.

*coming up...*

**SPRING CLEANUP** Next Sunday after the service Help us spruce up our building and property and prepare for summer! Lunch will be provided. Sign up on ChurchCenter or using the clipboard at the Connect Area.

**ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING** May 21st at 7pm All NTC Partners are encouraged to attend our annual business meeting that is coming up!

**WATER BAPTISMS** May 26th during the service! Continue following Jesus and be immersed in all that He has for you then sign up today on the ChurchCenter App or on the clipboard at the Connect Area. There will be a class that morning at 8am for all participants.

**OPEN WORSHIP REHEARSAL** May 28th at 7pm Interested in joining our worship band, worship chorus, or production team? Come out for our next open worship rehearsal.