



## Hide or Go Seek

Joy! Church | 1.29.23

**FUNdamentals Sunday**

We love you. Yes, you.

Kingdom and world do not mix, do not blend  
Either or other. Binary. All or nothing deal. Choose well

- You shall not sow your vineyard with two kinds of seed, lest the whole yield be forfeited, the crop that you have sown and the yield of the vineyard. 10 You shall not plow with an ox and a donkey together. 11 You shall not wear cloth of wool and linen mixed together. (Deut 22:9–11)
- Jesus's parable of the wheat and the weeds. Bam. (Mat 13:24-30)
- Jesus: You want My new wine? Gitcha a new wineskin. Oof. (Mat 9:17, Mark 2:22)
- Justified by the law? Severed from Christ; fallen from grace. Whoa! (Gal 5:4)
- Jesus: You cannot serve 2 masters. Don't even think about it. (Mat 6:24)
- Jesus: You're not with Me? Then you're against me. No middle ground. (Mat 12:30)
- Jesus's warning, sheep or goats-the coming final judgment! Yowers! (Mat 25:31-46)

# Hide and go seek

- Originated in Greece 1900 years ago (2<sup>nd</sup> century) Who knew!
- International competition since 2010, Consonno, Italy
  - Tried to make it Olympic sport
  - Grand prize: Golden fig leaf
  - Who knew!



Competition, Italy



Painting, 1800's

## Who seeked first?

Genesis 3:7-10, TPT

Immediately, their eyes were opened, and they realized they were naked, vulnerable, and ashamed; so they sewed fig leaves together for coverings.

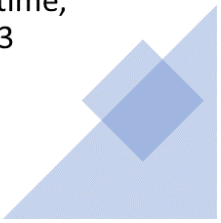
8 Then Adam and his wife heard the sound of Yahweh-God passing through the garden in the breeze of the day. So, they hid among the trees concealing themselves from the face of Yahweh-God.


9 Then Yahweh-God called Adam's name and asked, "Where are you?"

10 Adam answered, "I heard your powerful presence moving in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid."

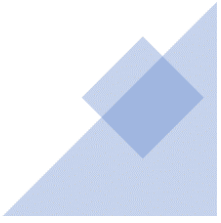



## 2023. Follow

- Jesus, as Christ and King  
Awaken, acquaint, align, arise, act, activate  
Separate unto Him  
Hold up to Christ in open upturned palms: Identity, so-called security, beliefs, traditions, doctrines, even social constructs (community, friends, family).  
“Follow Me!” ~ Jesus
  - Jesus, as Head  
Headship in life, in marriage & in family. Learn & do
  - Joy! Church and affiliated connections, events and ecosystem. Assign higher priority for your time, treasure and talent. Choices matter in 2023
  - Past prophetic words that are still valid  
Dig them up, reassess, step into them
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## 2023. Pray

- Time with God for its sake alone
  - Develop: Intimacy with God. With His presence. And your listening skills
  - 2-way dialogue with God  
Enjoyable, conversational prayer
  - Activate praying aloud, in Kingdom wineskin (victory, joy, authority, power)
  - With others. Aloud.  
Corporate prayer is KEY in 2023
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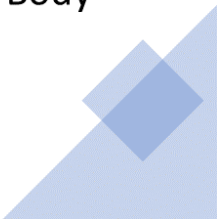


## 2023 mindset: Become a becomeer





Become, and become a becomeer  
Engage

Become a becomeer who is becoming the person God made you to be, day by day becoming a true lover and disciple of Christ, separated to Him and His Body (2nd Peter 1:3-11)




## Loving questions from He who seeks

- Where are you?
  - How did you get there?
  - What has captured your heart? Your soul? Your mind? Your strength?
  - When did My all-sufficiency become insufficient for you?
  - Who's face, who's presence has become more desirable than Mine?
  - Why do you first point your thoughts, choices, time and words to the soulish things of this world? (good & evil, human thinking, self-preservation, etc.)
  - Where did your hunger and thirst for deep connection with Me go instead?
  - When will you foremost choose intimacy with me—time, attention, devotion?
  - What will it take for you to seek Me first?
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## Calls to Action

Go from the familiar  
To the new  
In attainable steps  
Why not start right now



- **Carrot and stick mentality? Please, no!**  
Self-indulgence. Reward: Christ. Pain: Life
- **Deepen relationship with Holy Spirit**  
Character developer. Revealer. Discernment  
Chew on John 16:1-16 monthly
- **Embrace metanoia**  
Tension, discomfort okay. Cross the chasm  
Let go of your fig leaf. Repeat often
- **Seek first... Seek foremost... God**  
His face. His presence. Say, "Yes"  
Prioritize 4 pillars of His righteousness  
Scripture. Spirit. Habitat. Surrender

