

April 10, 2016

Series: Balance

Sermon Title: Work and Play

Key Scripture:

John 10:10-15 (NRSV)

¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly. ¹¹“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep.

The Key:

Discovering Abundance

Pay together- SURRENDER

John 10:11 (NRSV) ¹¹“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

Romans 12:1 (NRSV) ¹I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

Matthew 16:24-25 (NRSV) ²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.

²⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

Mark 8:35 (NRSV) ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.

The Mission of Clearbranch UMC is
to ENGAGE people through relational ministry,
to EQUIP disciples for Christ and
to EMPLOY their gifts through missions.

The Vision of Clearbranch UMC is Transformed Lives offering the Transforming Love of Christ.

Stay together- SUFFER

John 10:12-13 (NRSV) ¹²The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep.

Joshua 1:5 (NRSV) ⁵No one shall be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will not fail you or forsake you.

Matthew 28:20b (NRSV) ^{20b}And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

1 Peter 5:7 (NRSV) ⁷Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you.

Play together- CELEBRATE

John 10:14 (NRSV) ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me
Ecclesiastes 3:4 (NRSV) ⁴A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance.

Ephesians 3:19 (NRSV) ¹⁹and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Colossians 2:2 (NRSV) ²I want their hearts to be encouraged and united in love, so that they may have all the riches of assured understanding and have the knowledge of God’s mystery, that is, Christ himself,

Pray together- SEEK

John 10:15 (NRSV) ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep.

Colossians 4:2 (NRSV) ²Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with thanksgiving.

Romans 12:12 (NRSV) ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.

Challenge Questions:

What do you need to surrender to Christ?

What are you suffering for Christ?

How are you celebrating the joy of Christ through play?

How can you seek God more intentionally as you pray?

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