
Graphics and Audio Notes

- There **will** be a sermon starter video.
- There **will** be several videos to show on screen during the sermon.
- At the end of both services, there will be a testimony by youth about their mission trip with a slide with pictures on the screen.
- **At 9 a.m., there will be a video accompanied by pictures for the Vacation Bible School presentation.**



Andrew will introduce the video with the title slide - Vacation Bible School Introduction on the screen. He will close the introduction introducing the 2016 VBS - Deep Sea Discovery - 480 video which will play automatically and then go to Mission.

- **At 11 a.m., the children will sing two songs accompanied by video for the Vacation Bible School presentation.** Andrew or Valecia will provide some introduction with the title slide - Vacation Bible School Introduction. This will follow with Wherever I Go - Music Video. There will be some additional speaking after this video and then continue with Strength and Shield - Music Video. This will conclude with any closing comments and then go to Mission.

Key Questions

What is this sermon about?

This sermon is about clarity, vision and living life with purpose illustrated by the movie Field of Dreams.

Why is this sermon important?

It is important because it is easy to be hesitant about the ways in which God may be calling us.

What is the context of this sermon?

This sermon is preached the Sunday after Vacation Bible School. Vacation Bible School participants are performing at the 11 a.m. worship service. It is part of a two week series which is acting as an intermission between the Five Marks of a Methodist series.

What are the next action steps?

Take time to be quiet. Listen.

When vision is clear, take the next step.

11th Sunday after Pentecost
At the Movies 2016 - Field of Dreams
First United Methodist Church of El Dorado
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Hebrews 11:1
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Have faith.
Live life with purpose.

What is the good news? What is the bottom line?

The good news is that your life can make a difference.

Metadata

Topics

- Change Lives
- Make Disciples
- Share
- Share Christ

Sermon Books of the Bible

- 1 Kings
- Ephesians
- Hebrews
- Mark

Tags

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Life with Purpose

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Introduction to Video

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Key Scripture: Ephesians 2:10

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Hebrews 11:1, CEB

Faith is the reality of what we hope for, the proof of what we don't see.

Response to Scripture

One: The word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Introduction

Sermon Starter Video

Play sermon starter video.

Movie Introduction

Field of Dreams opened in the U.S. on April 21, 1989. It debuted in just a few theaters and was gradually released to more screens so that it would have a spot among the summer blockbusters. It ended up playing until December.

Today we are taking a closer look at this movie for themes from scripture and our faith.

Listen for God's Word

I invite you to listen for God's word today.

Place for Notes

You can find a place in your bulletin to take notes or, if you prefer, in the event for this worship service in the Bible app on your mobile device

Tool for Spiritual Growth

When you learn something new, have a question, make a connection with your life or hear anything that will help you live as a disciple of Jesus Christ as you worship, grow, give, serve and share, write it down.

Then, use these notes as a tool to help you grow in your faith in the days ahead.

Prayer

Will you pray with me?

O God, use these words to speak good news, so that, as individuals and as a congregation, we will fear nothing but sin, desire nothing but you, and live as part of your kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

Listen

Introduction to Video

Field of Dreams tells the story of Ray Kinsella, a brand new Iowa farmer, his wife Annie and daughter Karin. Ray hears voices, sees visions and builds a baseball field in the middle of a cornfield.

The story begins with a voice. Let's take a look...

[Play Field of Dreams Clip 1]

Scene Description

"Ray, an Iowa farmer, is walking in his cornfield when he hears, "If you build it, he will come." He asks his wife, Annie, about the voice -- but she didn't hear anything. Later, Annie asks what the voice said, and after being told, asks: "If you build WHAT, WHO will come?" "He didn't say." Annie ends with, "I hate it when that happens." That night he is wakened by the same voice. He steps to the window, "Build what? What is this?" Annie asks what he's doing. Ray replies, "It's okay, honey. I'm just talking to the cornfield." Hmmm..."¹

Connection to Life

Ray Kinsella was paying attention. He was listening. He heard a voice.

The Bible is filled with stories of people hearing a voice and listening to God. It is not always clear what the words mean. Consider the story of Elijah hearing the voice of God in 1 Kings 19:

Connection to Scripture

Key Scripture: 1 Kings 19:11-13, NIV.

The Lord said, "Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by."

Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind.

After the wind there was an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake.

After the earthquake came a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper.

¹ <https://www.screenvue.com/MovieDetails.aspx?idMovie=5236b269-46a9-40b5-966c-a7c89ceba361>

When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave. Then a voice said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"²

Next Step

Take time to be quiet. Listen.

Clear Vision

Introduction to Video

Later, Ray is out in his cornfield and hears the voice again. This time, he gets mad. Who are you? What do you want with me? Then, well, let's take a look...

[Play Field of Dreams Clip 2]

Scene Description

"Ray is out in his cornfield, when once again he hears, "If you build it, he will come." Being a bit confused with all these voices, he angrily says, "All right, that's it! Who are you what do you want with me?" Then, while looking out over his cornfield towards his house, he has a vision of a baseball field and lights."³

Connection to Life

Ray gets a clear picture of what's coming up. There are times, in life, when there seems to be clarity about what is coming next. One of those times in scripture is when Jesus calls his disciples in Mark 1:

Connection to Scripture

Key Scripture: Mark 1:16-17

"As Jesus passed alongside the Galilee Sea, he saw two brothers, Simon and Andrew, throwing fishing nets into the sea, for they were fishermen. "Come, follow me," he said, "and I'll show you how to fish for people."⁴

² 1 Kings 19:11–13, NIV.

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⁴ Mark 1:16-17, CEB.

Jesus offers a clear vision: Come, follow me and I'll show you how to fish for people.

Ray had a clear vision - a baseball field.

You may have a clear vision in your life.

Next Step

When vision is clear, take the next step.

Have Faith

Introduction to Video

Ray has built his field. So, what's next? Let's take a look.

[Play Field of Dreams Clip 3]

Scene Description

"I have just created something totally illogical," says Ray about his new baseball field (built on his farm where there should be corn). "Am I completely nuts?" Later that night, Annie wakes to find Ray, again, by the window staring at his field waiting for something to happen. "Something's going to happen out there" -- but nothing does the entire winter and into spring. Annie is then counting their loses, when Ray asks how bad it is. "Well, considering how much less acreage we have for corn, I say we'll probably...almost break even. We used up all our savings on that field, Ray." Their daughter, Karin, then irritatingly interrupts them: "There's a man out there on your lawn." And so starts Ray's miracle!"⁵

Connection to Life

Text here...

Connection to Scripture

11 Faith is the reality of what we hope for, the proof of what we don't see.⁶

⁵ <https://www.screenvue.com/MovieDetails.aspx?idMovie=5236b269-46a9-40b5-966c-a7c89ceba361>

⁶ Hebrews 11:1, CEB.

Next Step

Have faith.

Life with Purpose

Introduction to Video

Baseball players from the past continue to come to the field to play. Then, Ray hears another voice. This time, he hears, "Ease his pain.

[Play Field of Dreams Clip 4]

Scene Description

Ray is hearing voices again -- this time to ease someone's pain. He feels "that someone" is Terence Mann, a popular writer from the sixties who lives in Boston. "Annie, the guy hasn't been to a live baseball game since 1958," argues Ray. But Annie is skeptical: "So, in order to ease his pain, you're supposed to take him to a ball game?" After more bantering, Annie concludes, "I'm sorry, pal, I'm going to have to nip this one in the bud. We are having moderate-to-heavy financial difficulties here, and you can't take off for Boston while we're going broke in Iowa." But after more discussion they discover they had the SAME dream last night: Ray at Fenway Park with Terence Mann, sitting on the first base side eating a hot dog. "I'll help you pack!"⁷

Connection to Life

Text here...

Throughout the movie, Ray is discovering a purpose in building the field and, in this clip, traveling to Boston. We find that these are deeply connected to who he is as a person and one of his most significant relationships.

Connection to Scripture

Our faith teaches us that our lives have purpose.
We read these words in Ephesians 2:10:

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Key Scripture: Ephesians 2:10

“Instead, we are God’s accomplishment, created in Christ Jesus to do good things. God planned for these good things to be the way that we live our lives.”⁸

Purpose for Your Life

God designed you with a purpose in mind.
Your life has huge significance. You are of infinite value.
God has a specific, unique, glorious purpose for you.

Next Step

Live life with purpose.

Conclusion

Good News

The good news is that your life can make a difference.
Sometimes when people think about having a plan, a purpose or a calling they say,
“Isn’t that just for preachers, nuns or missionaries?”
No, it is for everyone.

Call to Action

Take time to be quiet. Listen.
When vision is clear, take the next step.
Have faith.
Live life with purpose.

Invitation

Closing Prayer

⁸ Ephesians 2:10, CEB.