

WELCOME

Our Mission is ONE REAL PASSION

- Each **ONE** Matters
- Be **REAL**
- Follow the **PASSION** of Jesus

Our Goal is to

- Connect you to Jesus
- Connect you to His community for discipleship
- Connect you to your mission and purpose in life

FHNew - Our mission as a church is to do everything we can to help you grow your faith. If you would like to get to know us a little better or begin or continue your journey of faith, speak to an elder or staff member or **contact Foothills** at **208-853-0011**, or for more information, stop by the **Connection booth in the Atrium**.

PRAYER REQUESTS: Fill out a **Connect card** using the QR code on the screen or the actual card on the seat back in front of you. Place your prayer request in the ORANGE offering box in the back of the Sanctuary. You can also send a prayer request using this form: [Prayer Request - Foothills Church](#). The staff and volunteers pray over these weekly.

FHBaptism - One important step in your faith journey baptism. To learn more about baptism, speak to an elder or staff member or **contact Foothills** at **208-853-0011** and we will send you the teaching on Believers' Baptism.

ONGOING/UPCOMING

- **MomCo** - [Foothills Moms Community- MomCo - Foothills Church](#)
- **Small Groups** - [Foothills Church \(churchcenter.com\)](#)
- **KidMin Volunteers needed** – Contact Pastor Steve Botsford at steve@foothills.org
- **MOMENTUM: Find out more here** [Momentum | Foothills Christian Church](#)
- **NEW! CHURCH CENTER App** – Watch sermons live, follow along with the message and take notes, join a group, register for upcoming events, chat with your small group. The app is available in the App Store or Google Play -- search for *Foothills Christian Church*
- **Meet our new Lead Pastor Joshua Adsit** – Friday, Nov 14, 7:30 pm – Come for worship, prayer and Q&A, and hear his heart, story and vision for Foothills (he will also be preaching that Sunday)

Demon Possession, Oppression, or Distraction

Pastor Steve Botsford

A person who won't intentionally surrender to God will unintentionally surrender to the world

There is demon possession and demon oppression but we must realize there is also demon distraction.

For many of you, the things we've talked about the last 3 weeks have not been your experience with the spiritual realm. You are not alone, but it would be naive to think you have not been affected by it or influenced by it.

Luke 11:23 (NLT) – *“Anyone who isn't with me opposes me, and anyone who isn't working with me is actually working against me.”*

- I believe this passage is saying, “anything that does not draw us closer to God is slowly drawing us away from Him.” There is no NEUTRAL.
- When Jesus says this... I think we can also say that “anything” that isn't with Him opposes Him

The devil doesn't have to destroy you if he can distract you

- Not all people will face or see demon possession, but everyone will have demon distraction
- Demon distraction does not come with erratic behavior

What is being used to distract you?

Luke 11:24-26 (NLT) – *“When an evil spirit leaves a person, it goes into the desert, searching for rest. But when it finds none, it says, ‘I will return to the person I came from.’ 25 So it returns and finds that its former home is all swept and in order. 26 Then the spirit finds seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they all enter the person and live there. And so that person is worse off than before.”*

- If you cast one out, then replace it with something, you will find yourself back in the same situation
- Demon possession or demon distraction -- we can use the same principle

How do we keep ourselves from the distractions that lead us away from Jesus?

1. Change your focus

- **Colossians 3:2-3** *“Think about the things of heaven, not the things of earth. 3For you died to this life, and your real life is hidden with Christ in God.”*
- **Philippians 4:8** *“And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise.”*

- **2 Corinthians 10:5** *“We destroy every proud obstacle that keeps people from knowing God. We capture their rebellious thoughts and teach them to obey Christ.”*

2. Armor up

- **Ephesians 6:10-18** *“A final word: Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. 11Put on all of God’s armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil. 12For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places. 13Therefore, put on every piece of God’s armor so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. Then after the battle you will still be standing firm. 14Stand your ground, putting on the belt of truth and the body armor of God’s righteousness. 15For shoes, put on the peace that comes from the Good News so that you will be fully prepared. 16In addition to all of these, hold up the shield of faith to stop the fiery arrows of the devil. 17Put on salvation as your helmet, and take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. 18Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere.”*

3. Surrender your life to the Holy Spirit

- The Holy Spirit is given to each believer upon accepting Jesus as Lord and Savior

Ephesians 1:13b *“And when you believed in Christ, he identified you as his own by giving you the Holy Spirit, whom he promised long ago.”*

- **Surrender yourself to be used/led by God in any situation**
 - Money
 - Parenting
 - Music
 - Fear
 - Relationships
 - My things

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LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

Week of 10/26/2025

CENTRAL THEME: A person who won’t intentionally surrender to God will unintentionally surrender to the world.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What are some of those things in life that seem "neutral" when it comes to faith but can actually become distractions? Get creative in thinking how Satan/demons can use these things against us... or maybe talk about how they are already using it against us.
2. How can you practically keep those things from drawing you away from God and instead use them to grow your faith or the Kingdom?
3. What areas of your life have you given the Holy Spirit control (surrendered to God)? Be specific. How has He provided for/blessed you in that surrender (e.g., He led you into spiritual conversations with a stranger; you were used by God to bless someone)?

Read 2 Corinthians 10:5 (NLT)

"We destroy every proud obstacle that keeps people from knowing God. We capture their rebellious thoughts and teach them to obey Christ."

1. How do we take things captive for Christ?
2. What are some areas that you have intentionally NOT surrendered to God that have unintentionally been surrendered to the world? How can you surrender those areas to God? What would that look like?

PRAY

- Surrender to God and ask Him to take control so that distractions do not become footholds for Satan
- If there are already footholds or strongholds in your life, pray and surrender them to God and ask the Holy Spirit to break the hold so that you may glorify Christ with those areas of your life.

Now What?

Remember: ***You can do all things through Christ who gives you strength. Fear not. Be bold and courageous.***

Pastor Next -- Joshua and Jessi Adsit along with Jonah, Jeremiah, and Jamie -- have accepted the role of Lead Pastor!

Friday, November 14, 7:30 pm - Come join us for an evening of prayer, worship and Q&A with Pastor Joshua as he shares his heart, story, and vision for the future of Foothills. You will have a chance to ask questions and get to know him personally.

Then, don't miss Sunday morning, when Pastor Joshua will bring a powerful message as he preaches for the very first time at Foothills!

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Prayer requests

We love to pray for all types of situations (sickness, hospitalization, tough times, etc.). Let's also pray for those who are disconnected from God and for the courage to invite them into our community. Pray Foothills Church remains strong through our transition.

The Momentum Spiritual Growth Challenge is a primary focus of ours from July 2025 to July 2027. These things help build an unshakable community amongst us.

- Pray, Wednesdays, 1:16 PM
- 2-year Bible reading plan
- Serve once a month: [Me - Foothills Church](#)
- Join a Foothills Life Group: [Me - Foothills Church](#)
- Invite one person a quarter to attend Church
- Give financially above and beyond regular tithes and offerings.

Close in prayer: Keep that empty chair in the circle to remind us that we can reach one more. Pray for the chair to be filled with a person who crosses one of our lines of sight or is in our circles of influence.

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