

"A Life Worthy of the Kingdom"
The Vineyard Church of Conroe
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Sermon Outline Notes

"My people have committed two sins: They have forsaken me, the spring of living water, and have dug their own cisterns, broken cisterns that cannot hold water.

Jeremiah 2:13

When we live according to our desires <u>WE RUN ON EMPTY</u> Jesus Fills Us Up <u>TO LIVE THE FULL KINGDOM LIFE</u>

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

John 10:10

I. Colossians 1:1-2

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, ² To God's holy people in Colossae, the faithful brothers and sisters in Christ: Grace and peace to you from God our Father.

Jesus Fills Us <u>REGARDLESS OF OUR STATION OR SEEMING</u> <u>UNIMPORTANCE</u>

And he said: "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. ⁴ Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Matthew 18:3-4

II. Colossians 1:3-8

³ We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you,⁴ because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God's people— ⁵ the faith and love that spring from the hope stored up for you in heaven and about which you have already heard in the true message of the gospel ⁶ that has come to you. In the same way, the gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world—just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and truly

understood God's grace. ⁷ You learned it from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, ⁸ and who also told us of your love in the Spirit.

Jesus Fills Us <u>WITH HOPE FOUNDED IN THE EVIDENCE OF</u>

GOD'S RULE & REIGN

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰ But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Matthew 6:19-21

III. Colossians 1:9-14

⁹ For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, ¹⁰ so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, ¹¹ being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, ¹² and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. ¹³ For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Jesus Fills Us BY ALIGNING US WITH GOD'S WILL

- SEEING GOD AT WORK IN OUR ACTIONS
- INCREASING OUR UNDERSTANDING OF GOD
- RECEIVING POWER FOR PATIENT ENDURANCE
- THANKING GOD FOR CHOOSING US

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. John 15:5