

KESSID SERMON NOTES



Sermon
"The Unknown"

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Our Church is in a season that's filled with a bit of the Unknown

(Vs) Psalm 32:8 – "I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you."

(Vs) Matt 6:31-33 – Therefore do not be anxious, saying, "What shall we eat?" or "What shall we drink?" or "What shall we wear?" For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

A Little More Unknown than I'm used too...

- I was asked to speak at one of the largest Church's in Cologne Germany and had a lot of anticipatory Anxiety!
- Today, I want to share with you what I learned from the Holy Spirit...

See Where You Are

Gothic Cathedral of Cologne

- The foundation stone of the Gothic Cathedral was laid on August 15th, 1248 and was completed, to the original plan, in 1880. It took over 600 years to finish!

"Living Lagaciously" - Living with Legacy as the focus

- Because of this lifestyle, Germany's cultural mentality has created sites no single generation could have put forth by themselves.

"Legacy is planting seeds in a garden that you never get to see."

Scripture actually commands us to think this way...

(Vs) 1 Timothy 6:6 – "Godliness with contentment is great gain." (NKJV)

- It's interesting to me that in God's economy, we actually have "great gain" when we're not driven by the quest for more.

(Vs) Proverbs 13:22 – "A good man leaves an inheritance to his children's children." (NKJV)

- An inheritance is not limited to money.
- It also includes Godly character qualities like integrity and trustworthiness.

The Question: Are you building for you, for others, or for Him?

Be Present and Available

- Learning to listen with your time
- A common theme heard from the people I spoke with, "We're Missing Grandfathers."

(Vs) Luke 12:32 – "Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom."

- Such a profound truth, and I would have missed it had I not been listening with my time. BUT listening with your time is harder than it sounds...even in little things.
- **Early Morning Plane Trip to Köln**
 - ✦ There were only 3 passengers!
 - ✦ I decided to be present and available
 - ✦ Illustration: Flight Attendant and Us – Awake vs. Pretending to be asleep!

The Question: Where in your life are you pretending to be asleep?

Lean In

Preaching at Köln Church

- I find that more often than not, people feel safer leaning out when faced with too much unknown
- I chose to "Lean In" at the church and began to share...
 - ✦ My small Connection to this city - Köln Concert
 - ✦ Love for Jazz

The Köln Concert Story

- Keith Jarrett – Improv
- The Piano – Harsh, tinny upper register
- Vera Brandis - The Cologne Operat Concert Promoter (1975)
- The black keys were sticking. The pedals didn't work. Vera got a piano tuner, but couldn't get a new piano. So, she stood in the rain trying to convince him to come back and play the unplayable piano.
- So he did. He said, "Only for you."
- He avoided the upper register, and all the broken keys
- Because the piano was so quiet he had to recreate the song with these huge repetitive riffs

Köln Concert is...

- The best-selling piano album in history
- The best-selling solo jazz album in history
- Keith Jarrett was handed a mess. He embraced that mess, and it soared.
- I shared all this with the 2-year-old Church plant in Germany

You also had a dream to do something that everyone around you thought was impossible...

- But through faith, persevered...
- What other impossibilities are out there to be overcome?
- Realize...You have played the unplayable piano.

Imagine: "What could happen in the next few years?"

(Vs) Rom 4:17 – We believe in "...The God who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist."

Note: It's SO important to see this story from a personal point of view as well...

"Even the most broken instrument can make beautiful music in the hands of a Master"

The Response from the Church

- One older man said, "I Am Free!"
- **Note:** Never doubt that the Holy Spirit is our great Compass in the Unknown.
- He can clear any obstacle and make straight any crooked path.

The Question: Where in your life is God asking you to Lean In?

Closing Challenge:

When faced with the Unknown I learned...

- SEE – Where You Are
- BE – Present and Available
- LEAN – In