

Horse Weekend Todd Pierce Aug 16th, 2025

// Discussion Questions

1. What impacted you most from Todd's message and the picture of the horse learning to trust its trainer? How does that connect to your own walk with Jesus? What's one thing God might be teaching you about trust through this picture?
2. At first, the horse was afraid and defensive. In the same way, many of us keep God at arm's length because of fear, shame, or mistrust. *Read Romans 5:8*. What does this verse tell you about God's heart toward you, even when you're still "wild" and resisting Him? Can you think of a time when God showed you love before you were ready to follow or listen to Him?
3. Todd showed how the horse didn't come close right away, it took time, consistency, and gentleness. How is this like God's pursuit of us through Jesus? *Read Luke 19:10*. What does it mean to you personally that God comes looking for you, even when you've been running or hiding?
4. When a horse begins to trust and let the trainer lead, it finds more peace and freedom. How does this mirror what happens when we surrender to Jesus as Lord and Savior? *Read Matthew 11:28–30*. How is His leadership different from the control we fear giving up? Where in your life do you sense Jesus inviting you to rest and trust Him more fully?

// Challenge: After hearing this message and seeing the picture of trust through the horse and trainer, what is the next step God is inviting you to take? Is it putting your faith in Jesus for the first time, confessing an area where you've resisted Him, taking the step of baptism, or sharing your story with someone? What will you do this week to respond and who will you tell so they can encourage you in it?

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