

A BETTER WAY | ABIDING WITH JESUS

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Matthew 11:28-30 (The Message) *“Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you’ll recover your life. I’ll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won’t lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you’ll learn to live freely and lightly.”*

John 15:1-5 (ESV) *“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ² Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³ Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴ Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. ⁵ I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.*

ABIDE = TO REMAIN, TO STAY

**ONLY THOSE WHO TREASURE JESUS AND WANT TO BE
WITH JESUS WILL FIND A HOME WITH HIM**

Revelation 3:20 (ESV) *Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me.*

HOW DO WE ABIDE WITH JESUS?

1. REMEMBER WHO YOU ARE

John 15:6-11 (ESV) *⁶ If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷ If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. ⁹ As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹ These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.*

2. ENJOY THE RELATIONSHIP

- *John 14:25-27 (ESV)*

“The fear: if I obey god, I will not be happy. This is the same lie Satan told in the garden, still affecting us.” – Tim Keller

John 15:12-17 (ESV) *¹² “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵ No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. ¹⁷ These things I command you, so that you will love one another.*

3. TRUST HIM IN THE SEASONS

SEASON OF FRUITFULNESS | GIVE GOD CREDIT

- TEMPTED TO TAKE CREDIT
- TEMPTED TO THINK THE FRUIT WILL LAST FOREVER

SEASON OF PRUNING | TRUST HIM IN THE LOSS

- TEMPTED TO CONTROL THE PROCESS
- TEMPTED TO TAKE CREDIT FOR THE LOSS

SEASON OF DORMANCY | TRUST HIM IN THE WAITING

- TEMPTED TO FORCE, MANUFACTURE, OR FAKE GROWTH
- TEMPTED TO SINK OUR ROOTS INTO THE WRONG THINGS

SEASON OF GROWTH | PROTECT YOUR YES BY SAYING NO

- TEMPTED TO SAY YES TO EVERY OPPORTUNITY

TWO FRUITS OF ABIDING IN JESUS

- JOYFUL OBEDIENCE
- LOVE FOR ONE ANOTHER

GROW

LIFE GROUPS | January

Happy New Year! Our first 2022 Life Group session kicks off next week. If you are not part of a Life Group, but would like to grow in your relationship with God and other members of our church family, please fill out the communication card on the app, and a Life Group leader will be in touch with you.

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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