

ABIDE

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The Link to a Significant Life Worth Living

μένω (*meno*) meaning: to abide, to remain, to stay in

Jesus Christ said, “... I have come in order that you might have life-life in all its fullness.” **John 10:10 (GNT)**

Jesus Christ said, “I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world.” **John 16:33 (NLT)**

Jesus Christ said, “...And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” **Matthew 28:20 (NLT)**

“I am the true grapevine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch of mine that doesn’t produce fruit, and he prunes the branches that do bear fruit so they will produce even more. You have already been pruned and purified by the message I have given you. Remain (abide) in me, and I will remain (abide) in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me. Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain (abide) in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing.” John 15:1-5 (NLT)

HOW TO ABIDE WELL

1. I must recognize who I am abiding in.

*"I am (Jesus is) **the true** grapevine..." John 15:1 (NLT)*

2. I must lean in when leaned on.

"...My Father is the gardener..." John 15:1 (NLT)

"...He cuts off every branch of mine that doesn't produce fruit, and he prunes the branches that do bear fruit so they will produce even more...Remain in me, and I will remain in you." John 15:2-4 (NLT)

3. I must pour out what has been poured in to me.

"Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit..." John 15:5 (NLT)

He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others. When they are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us. 2 Corinthians 1:4 (NLT)

Going deeper on your own: This week, read John 15:1-17 and circle how many times the word *remain* or *abide* is used. Jesus made the statement, "I am the true vine." In doing so, He is implying that there are other things or people who are not the true Vine. This obviously means we have options on what we will connect our lives to in order to find significance. This begs the questions: To what are we connecting our lives? When going through difficult times, where do we turn as a source of help, wisdom, guidance, peace, comfort, and joy? How has it worked for us? Scripture tells us that in this world, we will face difficult times but that God never leaves us to face it alone. What comfort does that bring? Jesus also makes the statement that God the Father, is pruning the lives of His followers, so that they produce an even more fruitful life. What, if any, comfort does that bring? Pastor Jay has often made the statement, "My biggest fear is not that God would discipline, or shape and prune me, but that He would let me go." Can you see why he would feel that way? Today we want to challenge you to answer the question: In whom are you abiding? What difference does it make? If you have never chosen Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, do it today. Pray honestly, talk to Him, and tell Him that you have put your trust in Him. Then, ask Him to forgive you for that and ask Him to be your Lord and Savior. Then choose to connect your life to Him. This week, intentionally choose to begin every day praying to Him and reading His word in order to stay connected to Him.