

ABIDE

Order of Service | April 26, 2020

Greeting/Welcome

Worship Team..... Your Love Awakens Me

Announcements

Worship Team..... Cornerstone
Great Are You Lord

Message..... Senior Pastor Jay Bruner
Abide (Week 2)

Worship Team..... I Will Wait For You

Offering/Dismissal

The Link to a Significant Life Worth Living

μένω (men-o) meaning: **to abide, to remain, to stay in**

*Then Jesus said, "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give you is light." **Matthew 11:28-30 (NLT)***

HOW TO ABIDE WELL: FOUNDATIONALLY

- I must get real about **WHO** I am abiding in. *"Yes (Jesus), I am the vine..." **John: 15:1 (NLT)***
- I must lean in when leaned on. *"...my Father is the gardener." **John 15:1 (NLT)***
- I must pour out what has been poured in. *"...Those who remain... will produce much fruit." **John 15:5 (NLT)***

HOW TO ABIDE WELL: PRACTICALLY

"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. Anyone who does not remain (abide) in me is thrown away

*like a useless branch and withers. Such branches are gathered into a pile to be burned. **But if you remain (abide) in me and my words remain (abide) in you**, you may ask for anything you want, and it will be granted! When you produce much fruit, you are my true disciples. This brings great glory to my Father. I have loved you even as the Father has loved me. **Remain (abide) in my love**. When you obey my commandments, you remain (abide) in my love, just as I obey my Father's commandments and remain (abide) in his love."* **John 15: 5-10 (NLT)**

1. I must discover, dwell on, and live by His truth.

*"But if you remain (abide) in me and my **words** remain (abide) in you, you may ask for anything you want, and it will be granted!"*

John 15:7 (NLT)

But Jesus told him, "No! The Scriptures say, 'People do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

Matthew 4:4 (NLT)

Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path.

Psalms 119:105 (NLT)

And you must commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these commands that I am giving you today. Repeat them again and again to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up. Tie them to your hands and wear them on your forehead as reminders. Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Deuteronomy 6:6-9 (NLT)

So be careful to obey all the commands I give you. You must not add anything to them or subtract anything from them.

Deuteronomy 12:32 (NLT)

Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect. **Romans 12:2 (NLT)**

...Take hold of my words with all your heart...and you will live.

Proverbs 4:4 (NIV)

*And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. **Philippians 4:7(NIV)***

2. I must remember that love does.

*“I have loved you even as the Father has loved me. Remain (abide) in my love. When you obey my commandments, you remain (abide) in my love, just as I obey my Father’s commandments and remain (abide) in his love.” **John 15: 9-10 (NLT)***

Going deeper on your own: Pastor Jay made the statement, “God prunes the branches for one of two reasons: one, because they have fulfilled their purpose, or two, because they haven’t.” Can you think of a time God pruned something out of your life in order to help you fulfill your purpose? Jay also said, “Production is a bi-product of connection, not the other way around.” How has being connected to the Vine helped you be more productive? How does knowing that, “God’s love for me is based upon His character, not mine,” make you feel more secure in your connection to God? Over the next 7 days, look up the following 7 promises that Jesus made: Matthew 16:24-25, John 6:37, Mark 10:29-31, John 14:21, John 15:14-15, John 15:9-11, and Matthew 5 :10-11. Write each one out and read it five times aloud, then post it in your home where you can readily see it (refrigerator door, coffee pot, bathroom mirror, etc.), then take a photo and post it online with #cpcnrhathome. Begin today abiding in Him by abiding in His truth.