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The Link to a Significant Life Worth Living

*"I have told you these things so that you will be **filled with my joy**. Yes, your joy will overflow!" John 15:11 NLT*

The result of abiding (remaining, dwelling, staying) in the Vine is overflowing **joy**!

"This is my commandment: Love each other in the same way I have loved you." John 15:12 NLT

Christ has loved us:

1. **Humbly**. (John 13:3-5, 14-15)
2. **Sacrificially**. (John 10:11-15, 18)
3. **Completely**. (John 15:13)

"There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends." John 15:13 NLT

Our lives were never meant to be our own.

"You are my friends if you do what I command." John 15:14 NLT

You cannot claim to love God and continue living your own way.

The call to follow Him is a call to deny ourselves, never to deny Him.

"I no longer call you slaves, because a master doesn't confide in his slaves. Now you are my friends, since I have told you everything the Father told me." John 15:15 NLT

"You didn't choose me. I chose you. I appointed you to go and produce lasting fruit, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask for, using my name." John 15:16 NLT

He chose us for a purpose.

"This is my command: Love each other." John 15:17 NLT

Going deeper on your own: This week, take time to re-read John 15:1-17, and ask the Lord to show you what areas of your life are bearing fruit, what areas He is pruning so that you will bear more fruit, and what things need to be permanently put aside because they are hindering you from loving God and loving others humbly, sacrificially, or completely. Abiding isn't about making a to-do list, but about basking in the light of a genuine relationship (friendship!) with Jesus. Spend time with Him this week, reading His Word and talking to Him about whatever is on your mind. Let the Holy Spirit energize and empower you day by day. Use Psalm 131:1-3 as a guide for personal prayer; write the thoughts out in your own words and say them back to the Lord, declaring your trust and confidence in Him.