

Abide in Me

John 15:1-8

How is Your Connection With Jesus?

1. I am aware of His presence with me throughout the day.
2. I am aware of His voice and seek to obey His Word.
3. I am becoming more like Jesus in character.
4. I am actively walking with Jesus in mission.

John 15:1-8

¹ “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.

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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.

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To Abide: to stay, to remain, to “make your home in.”

In relation to space: where I stand

In relation to time: to remain, continue in...

Finding My Identity in Christ

Jesus – the true vine.

A Jewish person's identity rested in their relationship to Israel.

A Christian's identity rests solely on their relationship to Jesus.

Jesus – My Source of Life

“Apart from me you can do nothing” (15:5)

Two ways people often try to live “apart from Christ.”

- In Character
- In Service

Ideas for Maintaining Your Connection

- Let your first thought be on God.
- Develop a Quiet Time
- Use Scripture or Short Prayers to Center Yourself.
- Mini-retreats
- Regular Reflection

Critical Steps

- Recognize your need for more of Jesus.
- Surrender
- Sacrifice - Remember Ps 63 – “earnestly seek”