

How do we walk away from this series?

God's presence...

(Gap)

...My life

John 15:1-11

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

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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.

Isaiah 27:2-3

2 A pleasant vineyard, sing of it! 3 I, the Lord, am its keeper; every moment I water it. Lest anyone punish it, I keep it night and day...

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Trust in the authority and power of Jesus' words

Jesus' Words:

- produces
- cleanses
- prunes
- transforms

Hebrews 4:12

12 For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of

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soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

Whose authority do you trust?

Whose words have power over you?

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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.

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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.

To abide = to live in

The Abiding life

- Us in Jesus
- Jesus in us

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Who/what are you abiding in for your identity, value, and purpose?

Every 'vine':

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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.

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7 If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

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8 By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.

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Jesus' words

The Abiding life

- living in Jesus' words
- Jesus' words living in us

Answered prayers are a fruit of the abiding life

- Don't miss the flow...
- Abide in me...my words abide in you...
- Prayers led by His words

Abiding prayer:

- God's word v my wants
- God's call v my comfort
- Serious v casual
- Bold v timid

Seasons of the abiding life:

- Sow and Reap
- Winter and Summer

- Experiences and waiting
- live by faith, not by sight

John 15:1-11

9 As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. 10 If you keep my commandments,

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you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love.

The abiding life lives by Jesus' words

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John 15:1-11

11 These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.