

ABIDING IN JESUS!

John 15:1-11

ESV - 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 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. 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. 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. 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. ⁹ As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹ These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full."*

The scene:

The key term: *"Abide"* μένειν means "to remain in a place," **10 x** in the verses.

John 15:1-11,	JESUS WITH THE BELIEVER.
John 15:12-17,	Believer with Believer.
John 15:18-27,	Believer with the World

So, with your family or individually write down some basic observations you see in the eleven verses we have read together...

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John 15:1-11, **Jesus WITH THE BELIEVER.**

15:1-2, *"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.*

Notes: Isaiah 5:1-7

AW Tozer, *"when I understand that everything happening to me is to make me more Christlike, It resolves a great deal of anxiety"*

15:6, *"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."*

- Some have suggested that those who “do not abide in Me” are believers who have unfaithful and have lost their salvation.

But Jesus said in **John 10:27-29**, “My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand.”

- Others have suggested the non-abiding branches represent those who have never genuinely believed. (John 8:31-32; Matthew 13:18-23; Hebrews 3:14-19)
- Jesus is speaking and uses the illustration which applies only to believers.

Verses 7-11, Four abiding truths for your life in Jesus!

15:7, “If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.”

If you **abide in me...the result is A_____ P_____!**

15:8, “By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.”

If you **abide in me...the F_____ is G_____!**

15:9, “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love.

If you **abide in me...You are M_____ by L_____!**

15:11, “These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.”

If you **abide in me...Your J_____ is M_____ out!**

Take Away Lessons

The **R_____** to abide leads to an **E_____** in life!

The **R_____** of abiding is a life of **F_____ L_____!**