



**Cornerstone**  
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## **Walk Like Jesus!**

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### **By Choosing to Be Close to Jesus**

Jesus went up on a mountainside and called to him those he wanted, and they came to him. He appointed twelve that they might be with him and that he might send them out to preach and to have authority to drive out demons.

Mark 3:13-15 NIV

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.”

John 15:1-4 NIV

### **Remaining or Abiding in Jesus Means:**

- Not visiting with Jesus occasionally but living with Him daily
- Not relying on bursts of spiritual effort but cultivating a steady relationship with Jesus
- Not producing fruit through pressure but through a connection with the Lord we love. As Jesus says, “Apart from me, you can do nothing.”

**Walking like Jesus begins with recognizing that we cannot live without staying connected to Him.**

“There is no condition of life in which we cannot abide in Jesus. We have to learn to abide in Him wherever we are placed.”

Oswald Chambers

## **By Choosing to Be Fruitful for the Kingdom of God**

“I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.”

John 15:5-8 NIV

### **What Kind of Fruit Does the Lord Want Us to Produce?**

- Genuine Love. “Love one another as I have loved you”
- Lasting Joy. “That your joy may be full”
- Effective Prayer. “Ask whatever you wish and it will be done.”

**Jesus is the source of life. He is the true vine.**

**Abiding or remaining means maintaining a continuous dependent relationship with Jesus.**

**The purpose of our lives as followers of Jesus is to bear fruit that brings glory to God and not to ourselves.**

“God wants to be as close to us as a branch is to a vine. One is an extension of the other. It’s impossible to tell where one starts and the other ends. The branch isn’t connected only at the moment of bearing fruit. The gardener doesn’t keep the branches in a box and then, on the day he wants grapes, glue them to the vine. No, the branch constantly draws nutrition from the vine. Separation means certain death.”

Max Lucado

## By Staying in Love with Jesus

“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. This is my command: Love each other.”

John 15:9-17 NIV

## What Does “Abiding” or Remaining with Jesus Produce?

- Obedience - “If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love”
- His heart becomes your heart
- His desires shape your desires
- His ways become your ways
- His walk becomes your walk

For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases Him.

Philippians 2:13 NLT

“Jesus calls us to follow Him so fully... that all other attachments look weak by comparison.”

## **“Abiding” or Remaining Close to Jesus Requires:**

- Letting go of control over your life
- Letting go of distractions
- Letting go of lesser things

They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. “Sir,” they said, “we would like to see Jesus.”

John 12:21 NIV