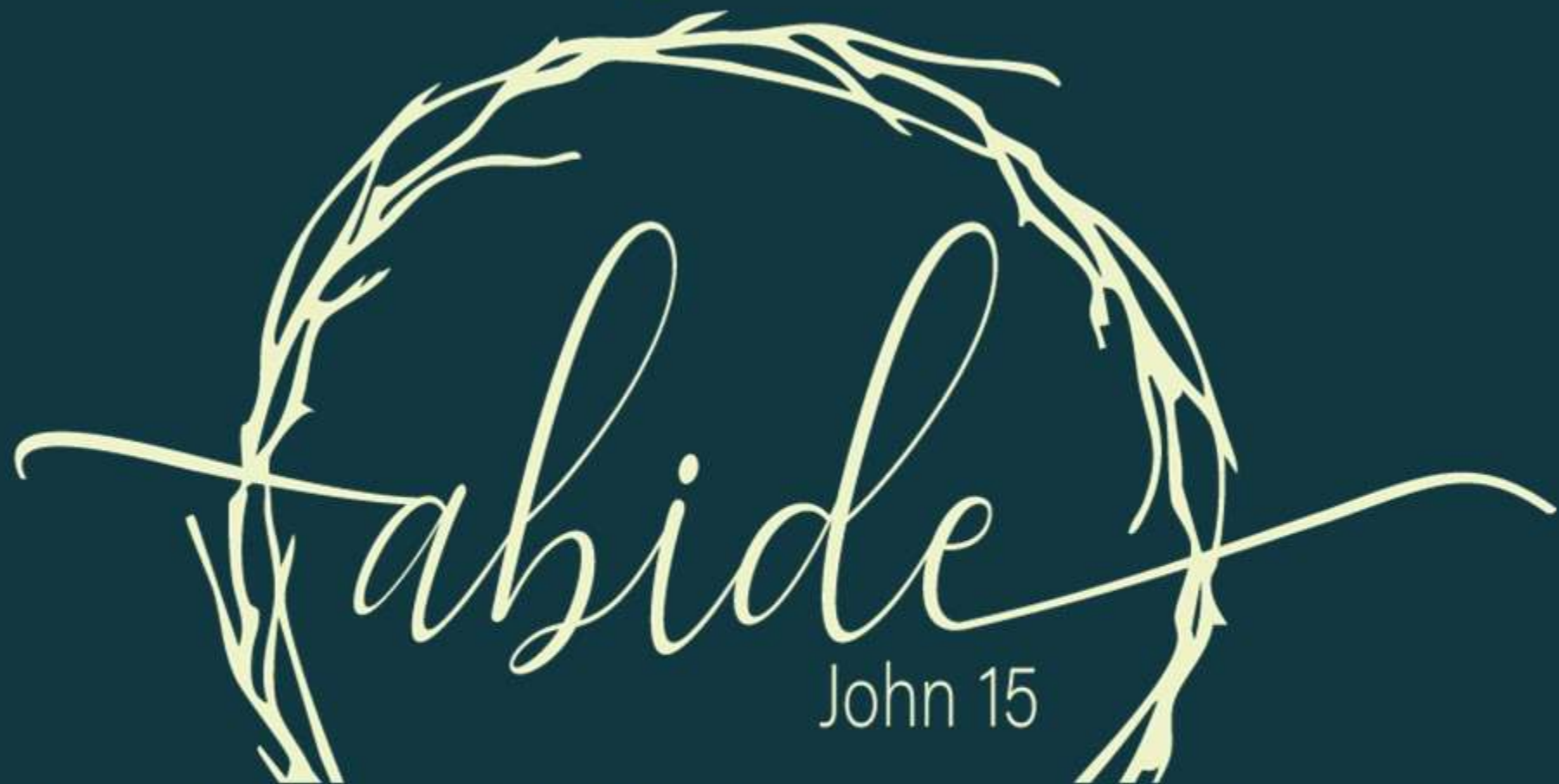


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Daily Practices to Abide

Lindsey Bussey



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A little about me...



The great truth.....

“suppress the truth in unrighteousness, ¹⁹ because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them. For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse”

Romans 1:18b-20



The great truth.....

“All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.”

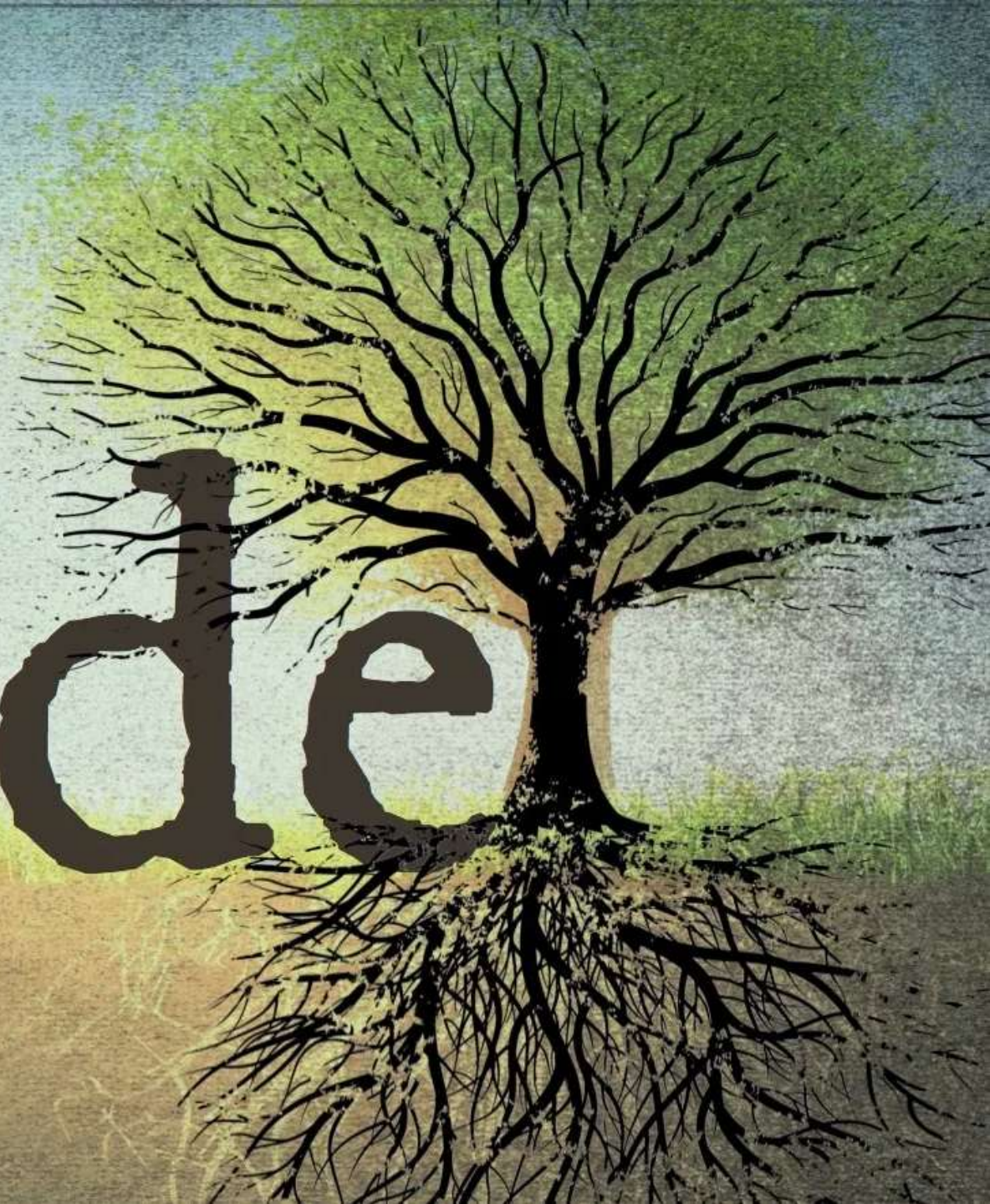
John 1:3





Colossians 1:17
And he is before all things,
and by him all things consist.

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Today we'll explore

- I. What does it mean to Abide?
- II. Why does Abiding matter?
- III. How do we Abide?



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I. What Does It Mean to Abide?



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Abide

To Remain

To Stay

To Endure

It is not a one- time event – It is an ongoing relational connection to Jesus



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Abide

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D.A Carson said this in his commentary of John 15

“This is not the inorganic growth of external accretion, like the growth of an alum crystal in an alum solution; it is organic growth, internal growth, driven by the pulsating life of the vine in the branch, and only this kind of growth produces fruit. The imagery of the vine is stretched a little when the ‘branches’ are given the responsibility to remain in the vine, but the point is clear: continuous dependence on the vine, constant reliance upon Him, persistent spiritual imbibing (absorbing) of His life. This is the indispensable and essential action or ingredient of spiritual fruitfulness.”



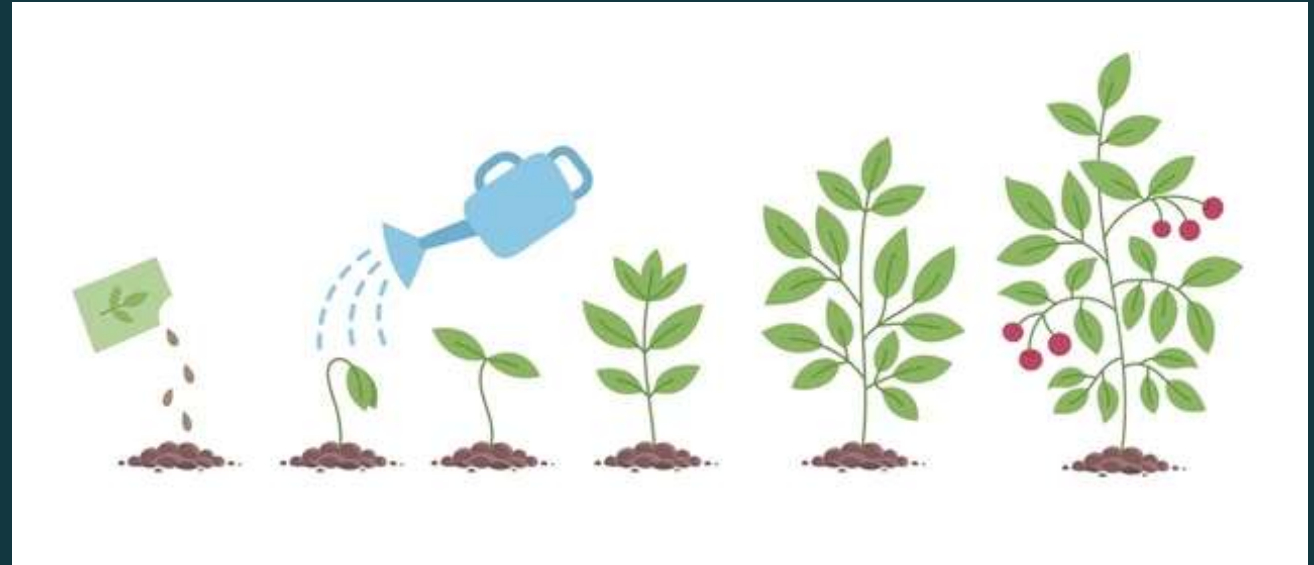


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We are in a process of sanctification...

We are Growing in....

- Repentance
- Fruit bearing
- The Love of God
- The Love of Others



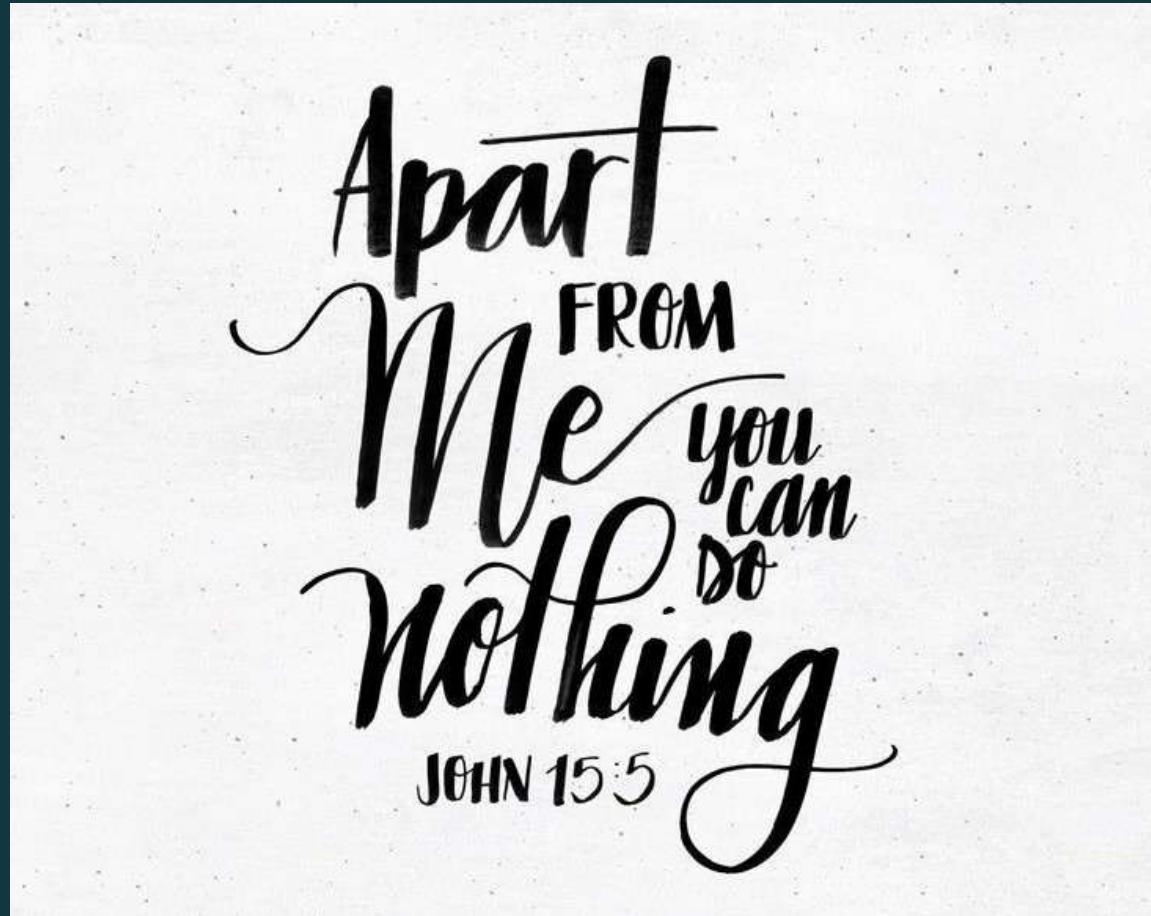
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II. Why does Abiding Matter?



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Combat the natural drift



As Sheep We Stray.....



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Pruning is part of Abiding

- God lovingly removes what hinders more fruit
- It's refining
- The emptying and ridding takes time
- It causes us to cling to Him
- God knows what we need when we need it



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Fruitfulness is the result

“Whoever abides in me and I in him,
he it is that bears much fruit”

John 15:5



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What is this fruit?





III. How then do we Abide?



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Practical Applications

*Daily Communion With God
(The Word and Prayer)*

What does this look like for you?



Practical Applications

Believing God and His Word

What Scriptures do you cling to?



Are you tired or weary? Need Encouragement ?

- “Be strong and let your heart take courage, All you who hope in the LORD” - Psalm 31:24
- “**He gives strength to the weary**, And to *the one* who lacks might **He increases power**. Though youths grow weary and tired, And vigorous young men stumble badly, Yet those who wait for the LORD Will gain new strength; They will mount up with wings like eagles, They will run and not get tired, They will walk and not become weary.”

- Isaiah 40:29-31



He sees you...

- “Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.” - Matthew 11:28-30
- “Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.” - 1 Corinthians 15:58



My Pillars over the years ...

- “And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to *His* purpose.” – Romans 8:28
- “The LORD your God is in your midst, A victorious warrior. He will rejoice over you with joy, He will be quiet in His love, He will rejoice over you with shouts of joy.
- For this is what the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel, has said: “In repentance and rest you will be saved, In quietness and trust is your strength.”



Practical Applications

Reliance on God and the Holy Spirit

How do you maintain awareness of God's presence throughout the day?



Practical Applications

Submission to pruning

Do a spiritual inventory often

What fruit is growing?

What seems stunted?

What is feeding my soul – or draining it?



Practical Applications

Abiding in Community

What does relating in your community look like?



Beloved, let's love one another; for love is from God, and everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. The one who does not love does not know God, because God is love. By this the love of God was revealed in us, that God has sent His only Son into the world so that we may live through Him. In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son *to be* the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God remains in us, and His love is perfected in us. By this we know that we remain in Him and He in us, because He has given to us of His Spirit.

- 1 John 4:7-13



What are some hinderances to abiding?

What does it look like to be “apart” from Him?



Barriers to Abiding

- Busyness- overextension
- We haven't experienced abiding
- We believe lies like God loves us but doesn't delight in us
- Thinking its feelings based
- Disobedience



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Practical ways to revive your Quiet Time with God

1. Be intentional about meeting with God
2. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you as you study and pray
3. Read through the Bible
4. Memorize Scripture
5. Journal
6. Topical Studies/Word Studies
7. Cross- referencing
8. Meditation on God's Word
9. Pray using (Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, Supplication)
10. Make it personal

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Seek, know, love, walk with the
Person of Christ.

This is a real, vital, true relationship
with God.



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