



A Woman's
Online Bible
Study

ARE YOU HIDING OR ABIDING?

A look at John 15
Abiding in the Vine



OPENING PRAYER

My journaling

"Seeks first His Kingdom"

This Corona Virus is testing
if this is true in our lives.

Are you hiding

or

abiding?

God is the same yesterday,
today and forever! God is our
healer! Don't allow numbers to
change my faith in God. Our
hope is in future glory! I am
a child of God! Keep my eyes
on the Lord... even diseases
cannot separate me from the
love of God!

Lord, I believe, help my
unbelief! May mercy
flow! May your rivers of
living water wash away my fear.





- ⦿ This is a tough time!
- ⦿ Let's take a six week journey together and seek what the Lord has to teach us in John 15.
- ⦿ Be thinking about your situation, are you hiding or abiding?

ARE YOU HIDING OR ABIDING?

A SIX WEEK LOOK AT JOHN 15:1-8



- 1. Intro. to John 15:1-8,
Abiding**
2. The Vine, the Vinedresser, and the Branches
3. Hills, Rocks, and Soil
4. The Trellis and Roots
5. Pruning
6. Bearing Fruit



○ Resources:

- Beth Moore, “Chasing Vines”
- Wilkinson “Secrets of the Vine”
- Andrew Murray “The Vine”



WEEK #1



- ◉ Context of John 15
- ◉ Read passage together
- ◉ What does Abiding Mean? How do you Abide?
- ◉ Video
- ◉ Sharing
- ◉ Prayer
- ◉ Linger and Visit



CONTEXT OF JOHN 15

- ◉ Jesus and His disciples have just finished the Passover meal.
- ◉ The last verse in John 14 says, “Come now; let us leave.”



CONTEXT OF JOHN 15

- ◉ They walk toward the Garden of Gethsemane
- ◉ Jesus is talking on the way... perhaps he sees a vineyard and points it out.
- ◉ He begins to teach: “I am the true Vine...”





◉ P. 7 Wilkinson



CONTEXT OF JOHN 15

Take an imaginative stroll with me, put yourself into this climactic moment with Jesus as we read this passage together.



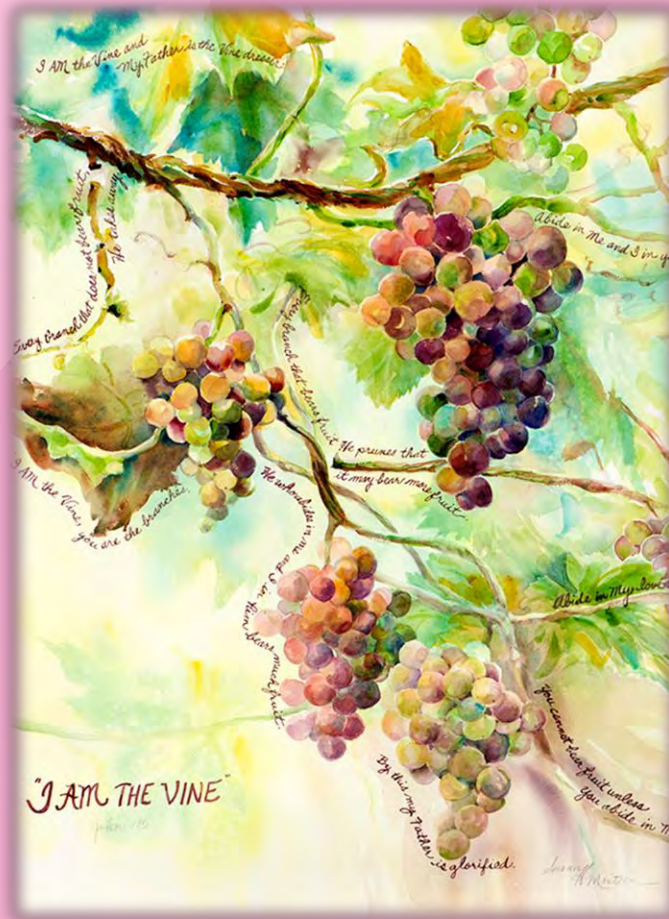
JOHN 15:1-8 (ESV)

“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.

ABIDING

- ◉ What do you think about when you hear the word abide, or abiding?
- ◉ What does abiding in Christ look like to you?





ABIDING

- ◉ I have thought of it like praying without ceasing, but I knew that I didn't have the kind of attention span to keep it up very long in my own strength!

I don't have a
short attention span, I just...

Oh, look a Kitty!



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ABIDING

Scriptures to look up:

1. Deuteronomy 6:5
2. Jeremiah 29:13
3. Psalm 19:14
4. Psalm 46:10
5. Psalm 123:2
6. Colossians 3:1-2
7. Hebrews 12:1-2
8. Matthew 7:7-8



DEFINITION OF ABIDING

- ◉ **Abide** means to reside or take up residence, to sojourn with, to conform to and accept.





ABIDING

- ◉ To **Abide** in Christ means to accept him in your life, to conform to his teachings, ultimately to walk his path and live in him. To surrender **you** and live in/for **Christ!**
- ◉ To **Abide** in Christ simply means to make your home in Jesus.
- ◉ We reside in Jesus! Our identity is in Jesus! When He moves, we move, When He stays, we stay. This is an important principle of Abiding.



QUOTES ON ABIDING

“Abiding is a state of *BEING*, not *DOING*”

Henri Neuwen

“Following Jesus is about being tethered to Him
like He’s oxygen.”

Beth Moore
Chasing Vines



QUOTE FROM ANDREW MURRAY

“Abiding in the **Vine** then comes to be nothing more or less than the restful surrender of the soul to let Christ have all and work all”

Andrew Murray



PURPOSE OF ABIDING

- ◉ To Bear Fruit
- ◉ To Give God the Glory

“How can we glorify God? Not by adding to His glory or bringing Him any new glory that He has not. But simply by allowing His glory to shine out through us, by yielding ourselves to Him, that His glory may manifest itself in us and through us to the world.”

Andrew Murray



PRACTICAL APPLICATION OF ABIDING

Press into it, ask for it, seek it, pray for it! Sit at the feet of Jesus until you rest in His presence. Don't give up! Do it again tomorrow!





ABIDING - PRACTICAL APPLICATION

- ◉ Abiding takes time and work!
- ◉ There is no magical recipe or formula.
- ◉ Abiding is a life long quest. You don't get it all at once and never have to work at it again.

Show Beth Moore video clip
Episode 4, "The Fruit"
Minute mark 7:51 to 14:08



SHARING

- ◉ Your thoughts about the video clip?
- ◉ What helps you to trust that God is cultivating fruit in your life even when you're not sure you see it?



“John 15 is about living a naturally unexplainable life. It’s about doing what we can’t do on our own and becoming who we can’t be on our own.”

Beth Moore
Chasing Vines



BLESSING

“May you take a new grip with your tired hands and mark out a straight path for your feet. God has given you promises to hang onto and enough light for the road in front of you. You have what you need to stand in faith and embrace joy.”

Susie Larson

PRAYER



BONUS GIRLFRIEND TIME

- ◉ You are welcome to hang out in this chat room for awhile just to talk and share and connect with other women.

A true friend is
someone who thinks
that you are a good
egg even though she
knows that you are
slightly cracked.

Bernard Meltzer

Coloring Page

