

ABIDING IN PRAYER Week1



WARM-UP

- Were you taught a particular prayer as a child? What is it? When's the last time you prayed it?
- How would you rate your current prayer life on a scale of zero to 10, when zero equals "What's prayer?" and 10 equals "It's a part of my daily life"?
- Whom do you pray for most? What do you ask God for on their behalf?

WORD

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

John 15:7

Jesus told His disciples before the Last Supper that He would be betrayed by Judas, crucified, and resurrected in order to prepare them for His death. Jesus was much more worried about His apostles' destiny than he was about his own impending death. In order to take care of the apostles and aid them in recalling His teachings, Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit. He wanted His apostles to stay faithful to Him after his departure. He also wanted the apostles to continue His ministry in the face of hardship.

In times of frustrations, How our communion with Jesus strengthens our faith and enables us to obey his will and his purpose?

Frustrations fuel prayer and prayer diffuses frustrations.

1. COMMUNE WITH JESUS

If you remain in me.....

John 15:7

To remain in Jesus means we must be connected to Him as a branch is connected to its vine. We establish this relationship by letting the Bible, which is His word, direct our thoughts and deeds. When we accept His word as true, when it settles in us, and when we obey it, we are united to Jesus.

Remaining in Christ means we've got to engage to the one who gives us life each day, by communing with Him in prayer. We have to continually commune with Jesus. When Jesus said if you remain in me, He is giving us an assurance if we choose to trust Him we will not be disapponted.

Your prayer life or your deep connection with Jesus will guarantee you, greater confidence to live this life no matter what season or situation that you go through in your own life.

How is your prayer life?

2. CONTEMPLATE GOD'S WORD

... and my words remain in you ...

John 15:7

To keep His words in us means that His words are our constant guide and monitor. His word will mold our thoughts, words, and deeds so that we produce fruit when it dwells in our spirit, soul, and body. This implies that we shall have a Christian outlook on life, as well as a Christian temperament and way of speaking.

There is a great need for us not just by reading the bible but to grow deeper as we contemplate His word.

Why is it important to be deliberate about our intention to be close to Jesus Christ?

3. COMMUNICATE OUR NEEDS

... ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

John 15:7

Jesus declared that you will receive anything you ask for from the Father in His name. God is there for you because He is your Father. Jesus claims that the greater your faith and obedience, the greater the impact of your prayers and the greater the fruitfulness of your life. It is promised to you that you will experience peace.

We are not only allowed to approach Him but also we can ask of Him for our prayer needs and surely there is a guarantte that He listens to us and whatever we asked for He will grant to us.

Our prayers will be in line with God's will if we remain in Jesus and His words remain in us. Our prayers won't be for our own benefit; instead, they'll help God's kingdom advance.

Are you ready to ask your needs?

APPLICATION

- In what ways do you need to be more fully dependent on Jesus and His provisions and solutions rather than your own?
- In what ways do you need to position yourself more fully for better and deeper connection with the Father and Holy Spirit?
- In what ways you can increase and devote time with your prayer life?

PRAYER

- Thank God for His faithfulness in every season of our lives.
- Ask God to help you to grow in your faith and to help you to study the Word and to know Him so you can grow in your confidence of who He is.
- Ask God for forgiveness for your doubts and unbelief and anything else that keeps you away from His presence.



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