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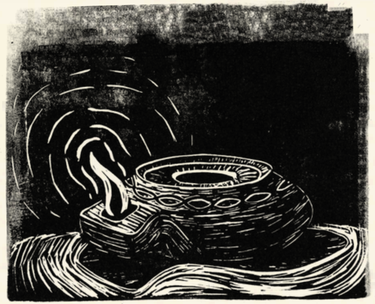
JESUS LOVES

WEEK SIX • JOHN 15:1-17



Connection with Jesus leads to a healthy life.

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser."

JOHN 15:1 ESV

ISAIAH 5:4 ESV

What more was there to do for my vineyard, that I have not done in it?
When I looked for it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes?

JOHN 15:2-3 ESV

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HEBREWS 12:6-8 ESV

"For the Lord disciplines the one he loves,
and chastises every son whom he receives."

[7] It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? [8] If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons.

HEBREWS 12:9-11 ESV

Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? [10] For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness. [11] For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

JOHN 15:4-5 ESV

"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."

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO ABIDE?

"To wait for, to endure without yielding, to bear patiently, to tolerate, to withstand, to remain stable or in a fixed state to continue in a place."

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WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO ABIDE?

- Silence and solitude
- Staying close to Christ through prayer
- Remaining in His word
- Obeying His teachings
- Depending on Him daily
- Continuing in His love
- Confession and heart check

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"I can do all things with Jesus."

PHILIPPIANS 4:13*

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"I can't do anything without Jesus."

JOHN 15:5*

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GALATIANS 5:22-23 ESV

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness,
faithfulness, [23] gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

JOHN 15:6 ESV

"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."

JOHN 15:7-8 ESV

"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."

JOHN 15:9-10 ESV

"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."

JOHN 15:11 ESV

"These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full."

JOHN 15:12-17 ESV

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.
13 Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his
friends. 14 You are my friends if you do what I command you. 15 No longer
do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is
doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father
I have made known to you. 16 You did not choose me, but I chose you and
appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should
abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to
you. 17 These things I command you, so that you will love one another."

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