



## Am I Abiding In Christ?

Jesus said, ***"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"*** (John 15.5). What does it mean to "abide in Christ?" The Greek word translated "abide" literally means "to stay." How does one "stay" in Jesus? Earlier, Jesus said, ***"If you abide in My word, you are truly My disciples"*** (John 8.31). In John 15.9, Jesus tells us to ***"Abide in My love."*** How do I do that? Jesus said, ***"If you keep My commandments, you will abide in my love"*** (John 15.9). As disciples of Jesus, we live by His word. Thus, to abide in Christ is to live according to His teachings. The apostle Paul told the Christians in Ephesus that they were to live worthy of their calling (Ephesians 4.1-3). If I am a Christian then I spend my life serving Jesus with all my heart. I ***"abound in the work of the Lord"*** (I Corinthians 15.58).

Is abiding in Christ a challenge for you? Our lives are so busy that many never take time to read their Bibles. When we are not continually in God's word, Satan's temptations are even greater. It is a challenge to stay holy when Satan is constantly striving to get us to sin. Our strength to resist temptation comes from abiding in Christ every day. If I truly love Jesus, then I will keep His commandments. I will let His words guide me day and night. Helping others and sharing the love of Christ will become a major part of who I am. Who are you today? Are you abiding in Christ?

Gary

# Dealing With Depression

## I Kings 19.4

1. Have you ever been depressed?
2. How did it effect you?
3. What is depression?
4. This morning I want us to look at three prophets who experienced depression.

### All Three Depressed Prophets...

#### I. Prayed To \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. \_\_\_\_\_ asked God to **"kill him at once" (Numbers 11.15).**
- B. \_\_\_\_\_ asked the Lord to take away his life (I Kings 19.4).
- C. \_\_\_\_\_ asked God to take his life saying that "it is better for me to die than to live" (Jonah 4.3).

#### II. Had \_\_\_\_\_ Problems.

- A. All three prophets were \_\_\_\_\_.

  1. Moses told God the \_\_\_\_\_ was too heavy (Numbers 11.11-14).
  2. Elijah had just \_\_\_\_\_ approximately 30 miles (I Kings 19.1-3).
  3. Jonah spent 3 days and 3 nights in the belly of a \_\_\_\_\_ (Jonah 1.17).

- B. Have you ever experienced a physical ailment that led to depression?

#### III. Had \_\_\_\_\_ Problems.

- A. Moses had a \_\_\_\_\_ problem.
- B. Elijah had a \_\_\_\_\_ problem.
- C. Jonah had a \_\_\_\_\_ problem.

#### IV. Had A \_\_\_\_\_ Problem.

- A. You would have thought that all three would have been on \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_.

  1. Moses had just experienced the exodus out of \_\_\_\_\_ and the crossing of the \_\_\_\_\_.
  2. Elijah had just defeated the \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. Jonah had just witnessed an \_\_\_\_\_ repent in sack cloth and ashes.

- B. God doesn't always give us what we \_\_\_\_\_; He gives us what we \_\_\_\_\_.

#### V. Were Provided For \_\_\_\_\_ By God.

- A. Moses received \_\_\_\_\_ to help him judge the people.
- B. Elijah received \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. God provided \_\_\_\_\_ for Jonah.

#### IV. Were Given \_\_\_\_\_ Help.

- A. Moses was given a \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. For Elijah, God demonstrated His \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. God gave Jonah a new \_\_\_\_\_.

#### V. Were Given Opportunity To Grow \_\_\_\_\_.

**Conclusion:** Do you need God's help with your problems today?

# CONNECTION

**C** Good Morning Church Family! Today we feature John and Jane Wright in our Connection Corner.

**R** John and Jane are two of our members that have called Western Hills their home for many years; but, have been unable to attend regularly due to health issues. They definitely appreciate prayers from the family here for relief from pain and healing.

**E** When Jane was a sophomore at Abilene Christian University, she spotted a handsome young freshman across the cafeteria, sought him out, and invited him to a "Sadie Hawkins" event. His answer was "no" as he had already been asked by someone else. However, he later asked Jane out and she replied "no" to return the favor! Fortunately, John was undaunted and eventually won her heart. Their 63 year love story includes two children, seven grandchildren, and three great-grandkids!

John retired from FWISD after many years as an HVAC specialist. Jane's parents opened Joy Floral on W. 7th Street in 1930 where it became an icon of the Fort Worth landscape for 78 years. Jane was a flora designer in the business for "75,000" years!

Jane's Fort Worth roots run quite deep, literally. In Greenwood Cemetery, there is a huge oak tree near the entrance. The "Turner Oak" legend has it that a relative of Jane's buried the family fortune under the tree to protect it during the Civil War. It was recovered by her grandfather's brother at a later time...or was it? Any treasure hunters out there? Les Keele



Misty Martinez has the following new number: 832-607-3682. Please make this change in your directory.

In the ongoing effort to update policies and procedures, we are requesting the following:



If you would like to use the church van for any activity, please provide:

1. Copy of driver's license in advance that we may forward it to the insurance company
2. Complete a "Van Request Form" and return to the office.

Thank you for your support in this matter. If you have any questions, you may see Jay Garner.



## GRIEF RECOVERY CLASS:

Began Wednesday, April 20 and will run for 6 weeks. The class will begin at **6:30 PM**. Please see Les or Deatra Keele for further information.

Please delete Lee Grantham from the May birthday list. I apologize for the confusion.

**Reading for Sunday, May 8: Pages 285 - 309 in the Life of Christ Commentary in preparation for Lessons 33 and 34.**

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

**Grief Recovery** - 6:30 PM in Room 107, Wednesday  
**Ladies' and Men's Class:** Tuesday Mornings, 10:00 AM  
**Small Groups**

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 Steve Taylor: 817-291-2065  
 Buck Thomas: 817-733-2620  
 Arthur Torrez: 817-721-2726

## MORNING WORSHIP (10 AM)

**Welcome** - Buck Thomas

**Song Leader** - Matt Sloan

**Song** - Great Are You Lord!

**Song** - As The Deer Thirsts

**Prayer** - Dwight Blair

**Scripture** - I Kings 19:4

**Song:** Come Share The Lord

**Communion** - Arthur Torrez

**Dismiss children 3 years - Kindergarten to Children's Bible Time**

**Song** - On Jordan's Stormy Banks

**Dealing With Depression** - Gary Williams

**Song** - Is Thy Heart Right With God?

**Prayer for the Contribution** - Arthur Torrez

**Song:** What The Lord Has Done In Me

**Announcements** - Greg Ball

**Shepherd's Prayer & Dismissal** - Greg Ball

**CONTRIBUTION:** *No collection plates will be passed during worship service today. Instead we ask that you drop your contribution in one of the white boxes as you enter /exit the auditorium. You may also give online or mail your contributions to the building.*

**CHILDREN'S BIBLE TIME:** We offer a children's class on Sunday mornings during the sermon for kids ages 3 years through Kindergarten. The song leader will dismiss the children at the appropriate time to be escorted to the Bible Time room in the east hallway. **We also have an attended nursery during the entire service for those 2 years & under.**

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

### Monday, May 2

II Chronicles 4-6

### Tuesday, May 3

II Chronicles 7-9

### Wednesday, May 4

II Chronicles 10-12

### Thursday, May 5

II Chronicles 13-15

### Friday, May 6

II Chronicles 16-18

### Saturday, May 7

II Chronicles 19-21

### Sunday, May 8

II Chronicles 22-24

### LAST WEEK

Bible Class:	106	Wednesday:	77
AM Worship:	192	Contribution:	\$ 8,784.44
PM Worship:	69	Budget:	\$ 14,193.04

### Times of Assemblies

Bible Class:	9:00 AM
Sunday Morning Worship:	10:00 AM
Sunday Evening Worship:	5:00 PM
Wednesday Evening:	7:00 PM

# PRAYER REQUESTS

## Members

**May 1, 2022**

NAME	SITUATION	PRAY FOR
Jennifer Scott	Will not have to have surgery on her hand and her stitches will be removed on Wednesday. 9633 Minton Drive, Fort Worth, TX 76108	Relief from pain, recovery
Randy, Dee Dee, and Sarah McCoy	The passing of Randy's mother, Alva McCoy. 3957 W. Spurgeon Street, Fort Worth, TX 76133	Comfort for the family
Nathan Bowie	Surgery went as planned. His doctors are pleased with the outcome. 915 East Market Avenue, Box 13328, Searcy, AR 72149	Thankful to God for successful surgery and prayers for recovery
Ethel Melendy	Her nephew, Clay Jones from Clovis, passed away Thursday, April 21, after having had pneumonia and being placed on a vent. 123 E. FM. 1187, Aledo, TX 76008	Peace, comfort, and understanding for his parents and for Ethel
Donna Brawley	Grieving the loss of her sister and wanting to restore her relationship with her own son. 8000 Calmont Avenue, Apt. #121, Fort Worth, TX 76116	Peace and comfort
Nancy Wright	Has had another injection in her spine to relieve the pain. 8600 Vista Royale Drive, Fort Worth, TX 76108	Relief from the pain
Barbara Lowrey	Will be having shots in her back for pain relief. 921 Timberline Drive, Benbrook, TX 76126	Shots to work and for her not to experience so much pain
Gary Baker	Has lost his father, his new wife, and now his mother. 5501 Dennis Avenue, Fort Worth, TX 76114	Comfort and peace
Wincie Neusse	Doctors found a spot on her lungs, she had a PET Scan on Wednesday, April 6. 5537 Crosscreek Lane, #2096 Fort Worth, TX 76109	God's healing hand
Michelle Glenn	Is in constant back pain. She is currently being treated for a virus and for a UTI. 7516 Pear Tree Lane, Fort Worth, TX 76133	That the injections will stop her pain and that she will recover from the virus and infection
Brandon & Jennifer Duncan	His new job and Jennifer's search for a new job. 9928 Farmington Drive, Benbrook, TX 76126	Job security in the coming months
MaKayla Johnston	Is home following her surgery where she will be bandaged for up to eight weeks. 108 Brock Hill Lane, Weatherford, TX 76088	Thanks to God that all has gone so well and that the healing will be quick and complete
Frankie Shelton	Is going to have a surgical procedure. 1200 Winscott Road, Unit B, Benbrook, TX 76126	Comfort and Relief
Cheryl Omer	Is in Colonial Gardens Memory Care of Fort Worth. 6939 River Park Circle, Fort Worth, TX 76116 She may have visitors at this time.	Healing, comfort, and peace for Roger and their children
Jodi & Joe Gentry	Is dealing with the day to day care and treatment of Jodi. 408 Rim Rock Drive, Fort Worth, TX 76108	For the Doctors to know how to help Jodi and Joe's strength, patience, and understanding

## PRAYER REQUESTS Family & Friends

May 1, 2022

NAME	REQUESTED BY	SITUATION	PRAY FOR
Bradley Padgett, friend of	Frankie Smith	Was diagnosed with an aortic dissection and was taken to Houston for treatment.	Successful surgery and recovery
Dempsey and her daughter, Chris	Betsy Strother	Dempsey has Alzheimer's and Chris is struggling with taking care of all the responsibilities.	Comfort, peace, assistance in caring for Dempsey
Brock School Bus Driver and Family	Ladies' Bible Class	A six year old was killed on Monday, April 25.	Comfort, understanding, peace
Gloria Wilson, friend of	Robin Stephan	Has recently lost her husband.	Comfort and ease of adjustment to living without him
Ricky, friend of	The Bows	Is a houseparent at Lubbock Children's Home, cottage 4, and is battling stage 4 colon cancer.	Strength and healing
Bubba Irvin, cousin to	Adam Powers	Is on dialysis and in need of a kidney transplant.	The transplant to happen soon
Shawn Kaba, friend of	Judy Vestal	Cancer has returned and is in stage 4.	God's hand of quick healing and comfort
Nephew of	Sharon Pippin	His wife is from Ukraine and her father preachers in Kieve, Ukraine.	Safety and peace for all in the country, especially the household of faith
Brothers and Sisters in Ukraine	Ladies' Bible class	The war is making people flee to other areas and other countries.	Protect and guide our Brothers and Sisters in Christ
Eldon McCoy, father of	Randy McCoy	Alva, his wife, passed away.	Peace and comfort for the family

# MAY BIRTHDAYS

1	Arthur Torrez	21	Patsy Wiley
2	Tiam Bounmany	23	John Boudtaroth
2	Brenda Rodman	23	Sandy Edmonds
2	Gail Wilmington	23	Alice Guerrera
3	Kitti Davis		
3	Pat McGuyer		
5	Diann Clark		
5	Geoff Rodman		
7	Teddy Nantharath		
10	Becca Crook		
11	Dan Kille	4	Brady Meyer
12	Peggy Menzdorf	10	Harper Dekoker
13	Brittany Swan	15	Jaden Clay
14	Dahlia Cade	24	Ellie Sloan
21	Curtis Fisher	31	Kathryn Bartee
21	Sherry King		
21	Judy Vestal		

## Children

# The Sermon on the Mount, Part 11:

## How to Get Along with Others

## Looking into the Face of Jesus

The Life of Christ, 1:

Pages 255-259

Individual Study Guide: Lesson Plan 31

1. What did Jesus condemn in Matthew 7:1–5?
2. What is the difference between righteous judgment and having a judgmental spirit?
3. What is the meaning of the Greek word krino?
4. What kind of judgment was Jesus prohibiting?
5. What is the importance of persistent prayer?
6. What is the importance of praying instead of worrying?
7. What are three key words found in Matthew 7:7, 8?
8. Does God always answer our prayers?
9. What does James 5:16–18 teach?
10. What is Matthew 7:12 commonly called (see Luke 6:31)?
11. What does Matthew 7:12 challenge us to do?

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# The Sermon on the Mount, Part 12:

## How to Stay on the Narrow Road

### Looking into the Face of Jesus

The Life of Christ, 1:

Pages 259-265

#### Individual Study Guide: Lesson Plan 32

1. Jesus intended for His sermon to achieve what purpose?
2. Describe the narrow way versus the broad way.
3. Is it impossible for one who is on the narrow way to leave?
4. How does one stay on the narrow way?
5. What is the importance of choosing which road we will travel?
6. What is the difference between a prophet and a false prophet?
7. Who did Jesus call false prophets? 8. How long have false teachers existed?
8. How can false teachers be identified?
9. What does our speech reveal?
10. To what does "that day" refer (Matthew 7:22)?
11. What is the meaning of the word "know" as often used in the Bible?
12. What is the meaning of Jesus' sentence "I never knew you"?
13. What do the final words of the Sermon on the Mount stress?
14. What is the importance of building on the right foundation?
15. What is the importance of the firm foundation of Jesus and His Word?
16. Did the scribes speak on their own authority?
17. In what way was Jesus' sermon revolutionary?
18. What is the importance of hearing and acting on the words of Jesus?