

Prayer Life

Part 2 - abiding

Prayer Life – Review

- What prayer is and isn't.
 - Isn't last resort but a first defense.
- Prayer is a conversation rooted in fellowship and based on trust.
- Prayer should be as natural as breathing.
- Cover to cover the Word is saturated with prayer from the first to the last chapters.
- Prayer releases the power of God into the earth.

Prayer Life - Review

- Prayer is bred and fed in intimacy.
- He should be
 - The first one you want to share good news with
 - The first one you go to for comfort
 - The first one you ask for wisdom
- Prayer is relationship driven

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- The purpose of this series is to lay a foundation for a successful, effectual Prayer Life.
- Success is not measured in goosebumps or a feeling.
- Effectual prayer is not measured in length and volume.
- Success is measured in answered prayer.

abiding

Abiding is the foundation of an effectual, successful prayer life.

- The foundation (abiding) cannot be seen, but it is the most important part of the building.
- Without it, the building may crumble under pressure.
- There are no shortcuts in abiding. It takes time and work to build a relationship.

abiding – John 15:1-7

“I am the true grapevine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch of mine that doesn't produce fruit, and he prunes the branches that do bear fruit so they will produce even more. You have already been pruned and purified by the message I have given you. Remain in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me.

abiding – John 15:1-7

“Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me is thrown away like a useless branch and withers. Such branches are gathered into a pile to be burned. But if you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask for anything you want, and it will be granted!

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Synonyms:

- Steadfast
- Enduring
- Life-long
- Remaining
- Perpetual
- Constant
- Permanent
- Unending

Webster's definition:

Remain stable and in a fixed state. Unmoving.

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John 5:19

So Jesus explained, "I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by himself. He does only what he sees the Father doing. Whatever the Father does, the Son also does."

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John 14:10

Don't you believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I speak are not my own, but my Father who lives in me does his work through me.

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Picture Jesus is giving us of abiding:

Vine / Branch

- When the branch is connected to the vine:
 - Receives nourishment
 - Receives strength
 - Receives life
 - It is a vital part

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Vine / Branch

- When the branch is disconnected from the vine:
 - Becomes weak
 - Becomes dry and brittle
 - Dies
 - Bears no fruit

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John 15:7

But if you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask for anything you want, and it will be granted!