

“Jesus teaches about the Vine and the Branches”
John 15:1-17

John 14-17 Jesus’ farewell discourse

ACLS - Advanced Cardiac Life Support
Abide - Choose - Love - Surrender

Abide - depend on Jesus for every need; relationship

“Remain in me as I also remain in you.”

“Apart from me you can do nothing.”

“Remain in my love as I remain in my Father’s love.”

“Our obligation as disciples, and our privilege under the new covenant, is to fully embrace and experience the promise of His indwelling. God’s concern is not that we would search for His elusive presence in the atmosphere or in the sea or in the desert. His purpose was that we would acknowledge His ever-present desire for an intimate relationship with His children, a relationship that ultimately ministers to and changes their hearts.”

Daniel Henderson

“Transforming Presence: How the Holy Spirit Changes Everything-From the Inside Out”

1. How are you practicing being present with Jesus?
2. What do you notice you are tempted to do in your own strength?

Choose - intentionally engage in the process; obey

“You did not choose me, but I chose you.”

“If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.”

- Choose to believe Jesus is the Way, Truth, and Life.
- Choose to believe Jesus is who He says He is, the Son of God.
- Choose to live a life that glorifies Jesus and the Father, not self.
- Choose to be intentional in how we carve time to be with Him (prayer).

“The truth is that you can’t rebel against God without reaping the fruit of that choice later. You also can’t obey God without eventually receiving His blessing. The choices you make are the seeds you plant, and they determine the kind of crop you’re going to harvest in the future.”

Dr. Charles Stanley

1. What kind of crop do you want harvest in the future?

Love -live life like Jesus.

“My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.”

“Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: ‘Rulers and elders of the people! If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a man who was lame and are being asked how he was healed, then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. Jesus is the stone you builders rejected which has become the cornerstone. Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved. When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus.’ Acts 4:8-13

1. How is your life reflecting the time you spend with Jesus?

Surrender - expectations of outcomes; self

"This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples."

"As I thought of the Vine and the Branches, what light the blessed Spirit poured direct into my soul...I saw not only that Jesus would never leave me, but that I was a member of His body, of His flesh, and of His bones. The Vine, now I see, is not the root merely, but all-root, stem, branches, twigs, leaves, flowers, fruit; and Jesus is not only that: He is soil and sunshine, air and showers, and ten thousand times more than we have ever dreamed, wished for or needed."

Hudson Taylor

Jesus is giving us spiritual advanced cardiac life support training!

Where might he be calling you into greater dependence in Him?

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