

THE ABIDER

Connected / Transformed / Fruitful

June 30th - July 1st, 2018 / Week 1 / Pastor Joseph Sissac / INTRODUCTION

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HE'S HERE
WORSHIP

HE KNOWS
LEARN

HE'S ABLE
SERVE

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In chapter 15 of the Gospel of John, Jesus spoke repeatedly about the importance of the believer abiding in Christ. He related it to the way a branch must remain connected to a vine in order to bear fruit.

According to Jesus' teaching, abiding is a core practice of a fruitful Christian walk.

ABIDE: to remain, continue, dwell, to be held.

One of the most important aspects of abiding in the Lord and living a fruitful life is to have a frequent and flourishing prayer life.

The learning objective of **THE ABIDER Teaching Series** is for the disciples

of Christ to gain understanding and be equipped to become abiding and fruitful believers through developing a flourishing prayer life. In this series we will not only teach on prayer, we'll spend time in prayer.

We will practice the activity of abiding corporately in order to cultivate the abiding lifestyle individually.

Together we will learn, grow, bear fruit and glorify God the Father as we abide in God the Son.

**BIBLE STUDY IS ON
SUMMER BREAK
THE MONTH OF JULY**

**WEDNESDAY
AND THURSDAY
NOON BIBLE STUDIES**

**WEDNESDAY EVENING
BIBLE STUDIES**

**WE WILL RESUME
WEDNESDAY AUGUST 4TH AT 6:30PM
WITH FAMILY NIGHT AND
CLASSES FOR ALL AGES**

AAA PRAYERS

What does the practice of abiding look like in practical day-to-day life?

According to previous teachings, **WORSHIP, LEARN** and **SERVE** are all forms of abiding. Prayer, however, is a common thread that runs through every discipleship activity.

"If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you."—Jesus, (John 15:7).

Not only are we abiding when we pray, we also receive greater answers to our prayers when we abide. Why? Because of the **AAA Prayer Pattern** Jesus revealed in John 15:7.

"[A]bide in Me" — Worship/Serve
"My words [A]bide in you" — Learn
"[A]sk... it will be done for you."
— Receive

This pattern reveals a key to answered prayer because when we abide through worshiping, serving and learning, we discover God's will and connect with God's heart.

This connection facilitates the transformation of our own hearts and desires, which then leads us to pray, NOT simply for what we desire, but in agreement with what God desires for ourselves and others (Ps. 37:4).

If we abide first, we'll always ask according to His will.

It's through abiding that our prayer lives become truly fulfilling and fruitful.



FACTORPOINT PRAYERS

Monday:

Lord I thank You for the opportunity not only to receive Jesus as my Lord and Savior, but also to walk with Him in the **intimacy of abiding**. Thank You Jesus for allowing me to be **connected to You**. Thank You Holy Spirit for reminding me of what I've been taught and **changing me day-by-day** into the image of Christ from the inside out as I abide (**John 14:26**). Teach me to dwell in Your presence everywhere I go today. Give me the grace to **bear fruit that brings You glory** (2 Corinthians 12:9). In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

Tuesday:

Today O Lord, I worship You because You are good and You are **worthy to be praised** (**Psalm 145:3**). Thank You for the privilege of abiding in Your presence through worship. As I worship, I pray that You **reveal Yourself to me** in a more intimate and personal way (**Psalm 27:8, 11**). Teach me to receive **Your peace that surpasses all understanding** (**Philippians 4:7**). By Your Spirit give me rest as I **cast all my cares on You** because You care for me (**1 Peter 5:7**). In Jesus' name. Amen.

Wednesday:

Holy Spirit I ask that You be with me today as my Comforter and Helper (**John 14:16-17**). I pray that You **bring comfort to my soul** (mind, will and emotions) through all anxiety, fear and worry (**Philippians 4:6-7**). Thank You for Your faithfulness to **remind me of what I've been taught** concerning the love my Father has for me. Strengthen my heart when I am discouraged (**Isaiah 41:10**). **Give me boldness to speak truth** when confronted by the lies of the enemy. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

Thursday:

Today O Lord, as I abide in Your Word, give me the **grace to meditate on Your truth** in the midst of all the lies and deceit in this world (**Psalm 119:48**). Your Word is life and is a lamp to my feet (**Psalm 119:105**). As **the Word reveals Your character**, Your will and Your ways, **I will seek to follow and obey** as I abide in You (**Psalm 119:11**). I stand on Your promises and trust in Your timing. In Jesus' name. Amen..

Friday:

Father Your Word says that if I delight myself in You, You will **give me the desires of my heart** (**Psalm 37:4**). Lord as I abide in You, I delight in You and I pray that **my joy is made full and overflows** in Your presence (**John 15:11**). From this place of joy and intimacy with You, **I pray according to Your will**. May all that I want, be in agreement with Your perfect will. And to You O Lord be the glory, the honor and the praise. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Saturday:

Lord Jesus I thank You for being the True Vine that I and every believer are called to abide in, be transformed and bear much fruit (**John 15:1**). Thank You for the **exponential increase of abiding prayer** in the Body of Christ. **Make us one** as You and the Father are One (**John 17:21**). **Increase our love** for one another as we abide in You (**John 13:34**). I pray that my life, and that of my church, will **bear much fruit and glorify the Father**. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.



JOIN US FOR OUR NEXT TEACHING ON THE ABIDER AND RECEIVE THE PRAYER SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEK.

WEEKEND CELEBRATIONS

SATURDAYS 5PM SUNDAYS 8:30AM / 10:30AM / 12:30PM

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**WEDNESDAYS 12NOON AND 7PM AT THE CATHEDRAL
THURSDAYS 12NOON AT THE POWER CENTER**

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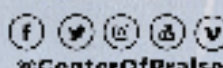
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