

FAMILY DISCUSSION WEEKLY PLAN

Stay Connected - Abiding In Christ | Part 2 | Aug. 23, 2026 | Pastor T. Wayne Daniels

WEEKLY TRUTH

Freedom is not produced by striving harder; it flows from staying connected to Jesus. As branches remain in the vine, believers receive Christ's life, submit to His pruning, let His Word dwell within them, and bear the fruit of the Spirit.

READ TOGETHER

Read Together: John 15:1-8; Colossians 3:3-4, 16; Galatians 5:22-23

SERMON RECAP

- 1. Freedom flows from connection, not self-effort.** Apart from Christ we can do nothing (John 15:4-5).
- 2. Abiding requires pruning.** The Father removes what hinders greater fruitfulness (John 15:1-2).
- 3. Let His Word live in you.** Christ's words are meant to remain and dwell richly within us (John 15:7; Col. 3:16).
- 4. The evidence of abiding is fruit.** A connected life increasingly displays Christlike character (John 15:8; Gal. 5:22-23).

TALK ABOUT IT

Children: What does a branch need from a vine? What is one way you can stay close to Jesus this week?
Teens: What competes with your connection to Christ? Is there something God may be pruning from your life?
Adults: Where are you tempted to strive instead of abide? What fruit of the Spirit does God want to grow more deeply in you?
Everyone: Jesus said His words should abide in us. What Scripture can our family intentionally carry this week?

THIS WEEK'S CHALLENGE

Abide for 7: Each day this week, spend at least seven intentional minutes with Jesus. Read a portion of John 15, sit quietly in His presence, and ask: *What are You pruning? What are You speaking? What fruit do You want to produce in me?* Share one observation with your family before the week ends.

PRAY TOGETHER

Pray Together: Father, thank You for joining our lives to Christ. Teach us to remain in Him instead of relying on our own strength. Give us grace to receive Your pruning, fill our hearts with Your Word, and produce the fruit of Your Spirit through us. May our lives bring You glory and show that we belong to Jesus. Amen.

MEMORY VERSE

"Abide in me, and I in you... for apart from me you can do nothing." - John 15:4-5 (ESV)