

Day 11



Read: John 15:9-10

Jesus commands us as His followers to abide in His love. At the same time, though, it is more than just a command. Jesus also provides the “why” behind the command. He says that the reason we should abide in His love is that He loves us. The same perfect love that God the Father has for Jesus is the love with which Jesus loves us. His love becomes the launchpad for obedience to the command to abide in His love. As 1 John says, “We love because He first loved us.” Jesus also provides the “how.” He tells His disciples how to obey the command to abide in His love. He says we obey the command of abiding in His love by keeping His commands. It is important to note that Jesus does not say that we keep His commandments so that He will love us. Instead, He loves His disciples. Period. Then, this commandment-keeping is fueled by His love for us.

When commenting on these verses in John 15, the famous English preacher Charles Spurgeon said, “He who cares nothing for holiness knows nothing of the love of Jesus.” Spurgeon saw the same thing in these verses that we are seeing today. Our love for Jesus and our keeping His commands are one in the same. We read the Bible and obey what it says because we are loved by God and we love Him.

PRAY

- **Adore:** Jesus loved His disciples with the same perfect love with which God the Father loved Jesus. That is still for us as His disciples today. Praise God by resting in His perfect love for you!
- **Ask:** Ask God for 3 things:
 - 1- “God, show me scriptures that emphasize Your great love for me.”
 - 2 - “Direct me to scriptures that I need to obey.”
 - 3 - “Help me to love You and obey You because I love You.”
- **Act:** What command in the Bible do you need to obey? If you can’t think of anything, read all of John 15 and see what commands you can see from Jesus for you to obey.