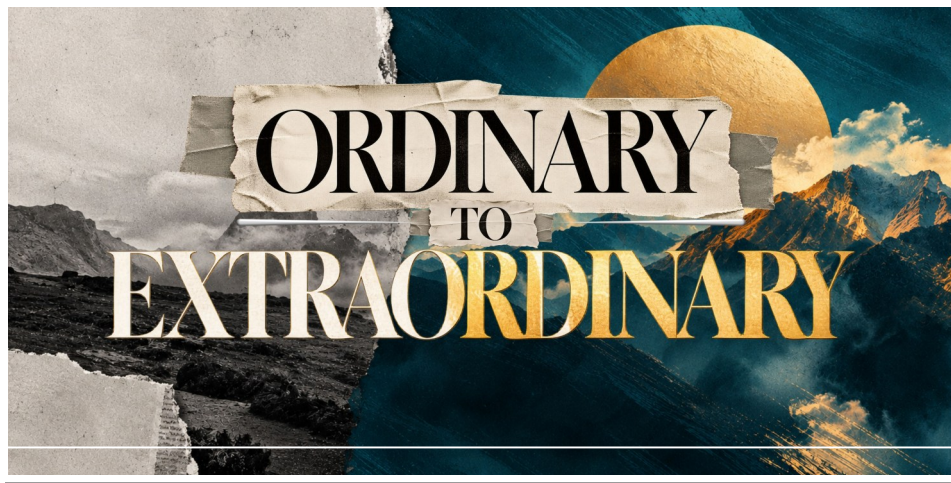




October 4, 2026 “Abiding Faith”

LOVE GOD—LOVE PEOPLE—SERVE THE WORLD

2 Corinthians 5:17, John 20:30-31, John 15:2-8, Galatians 5:22-25

Apart from Jesus, we cannot produce the kind of fruit a believer should be expressing.

✦ Abide, or remain, comes from the Greek word “meno,” which means to “stay put,” like a branch attached to a vine.

In Christ, we can do His desires, His will, and His calling, and produce the kind of fruit He wants us to produce.

✦ Biblical faith is not blind faith. It is faith based upon the character of God and what He promises us in Scripture.

Hebrews 11:1

We have all been given a measure of faith, and that measure will grow and become strengthened through trusting and abiding in Jesus.

1. Abiding produces **rooted** faith.

The faith that comes from abiding in Jesus is rooted in who God is, not merely in what we see happening around us.

Genesis 39:21

✦ We must allow our faith to be rooted deeply in God, and through that, our faith will begin to grow and strengthen.

Colossians 2:6-7

2. Abiding produces **enduring** faith. **Hebrews 10:35-36**

✦ Pruning is not punishment. Pruning is preparation.

James 1:2-4, Philippians 3:8

Don't let the fire of trials destroy your faith. When we abide in Christ, trials will refine our faith.

✦ Trials do not create God's faithfulness, but through endurance, they will strengthen our faith in Him.

Abiding faith says, “I may not understand what God is doing, but I know who God is.”

CHALLENGE QUESTIONS: Is my faith rooted in Christ or in my current situation? Do I only trust God when life is going the way I planned? Am I allowing the Word of God to establish my faith, by remaining in Christ?

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