

# Eternity part 6 “The Way of Abiding”

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“In recent years, about 1 in 2 adults in America reported experiencing significant loneliness. And that was before the Covid-19 pandemic cut off so many of us from friends, loved ones, and support systems.” -- Vivek Murthy, US Surgeon General

We were made for connection

Rethink everything you think you know about who God is, who you are, and what you think the good life you crave actually is. Put your trust and confidence in King Jesus, who saves you, frees you, heals you, and leads you to the life you deeply ache for...this is the Kingdom of God, eternal life!

*Luke 5:8*

Peter is the kind of people Jesus is looking for and calls...

*John 21: 1-19*

Even when we mess up, God’s grace and love rule supreme in the Kingdom of Eternity in which we can experience in the now.

Why does he ask Peter if he loves Him?

It does not change a thing...at the same time it changes everything!

Three times before a charcoal fire he had his chance to express his love for Jesus. This time he gets it right!

What goes around comes around

Union with God: The way of Abiding

*John 15:4-5*

Eternal Life itself is only possible through abiding with God

“A living thing has a power inside it to interact with what lies beyond it and to draw from that, those things that can enhance it and grow it and make it fruitful.”

When we abide, we make our home (abode) in a place. We linger there, and our inner person gets shaped by our abode. We can abide in fear, in ambition, in anger, in lust or ... we can abide in God.

*John 14:23*

God wants to make your heart his home...God wants to make his heart your home.

God wants to save us from the isolation that so many are experiencing in our modern-day society, and the depth of pain of our loneliness/despair is an indicator of the height of the union for which we were made.

## Participating in Christ

“in Christ”

*Galatians 2:20*

*John 15:4-5*

Our job is to remain “in” to abide  
The inside of the branch is what matters

How do we pursue this?

1. Ask God

*Matthew 7:7-8*

2. Dwell in His Words

*Psalms 1:1-3*

*John 8:31-32*

3. Discipline yourself

*John 15:7-8*