

**Breath prayer:**

Jesus I am your disciple...teach me to abide in your word.

**John 8:29-8:31:**

And He who sent Me is with Me. The Father has not left Me alone, for I always do those things that please Him." As He spoke these words, many believed in Him. Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed.

What does it mean to abide?

It is to continue, endure, remain, stand, to wait, to dwell. *To dwell...to live...to be completely at home.*

**Prayer:**

Holy Spirit, guide us in this truth. Give us a revelation of what it means to abide in God's word...

To continuously persevere with the words of Jesus.

To endure in the words of Jesus.

To stand for the words of Jesus.

To wait with the words of Jesus.

*To dwell... live... and be completely at home with the words of Jesus.*

**Reflection:**

Corrie ten Boom's life is a picture of what it can look like to be a disciple who abides in the word in the darkest of times. After years of being a part of the Dutch resistance against the rise of the Nazis, racism and hiding hundreds of Jews in her family home, Corrie ten Boom and her sister Betsy were imprisoned in Ravensbruck, the notorious Nazi women's concentration camp, during World War 2. While there, they saw how God's word can bring light and even a sense of home to disciples even in the darkest and most alienating moments. With their smuggled Bible, Corrie, Betsy and the women they disciplined in prison were able to abide in God's word. Corrie later talked about the power of being able to abide in these very dark times while in the concentration camp:

"But as the rest of the world grew stranger, one thing became increasingly clear – and that was the reason the two of us were here. Why others should suffer we were not shown. As for us, from morning until lights-out, whenever we were not in ranks for roll call, our Bible was the center of an ever-widening circle of help and hope. Like waifs clustered around a blazing fire, we gathered about it, holding out our hearts to its warmth and light. The blacker the night around us grew, the brighter and truer and more beautiful burned the word of God."

The Bible connected them to Jesus as they learned to abide in His word even in the concentration camp. In barrack 28, they were empowered to:

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**Corrie ten Boom was a disciple indeed.**

**Prayer:**

God we are so thankful for all the ways that you make your home in us and with us. And we are thankful that you have given us a way to abide in you, through your word and Spirit. Teach us today, how to follow you more closely as you reveal your word more fully to us. May we be true disciples in times of light and darkness. Show us how to be completely at home in your word. We will follow you.

**John 8:31:**

Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed.