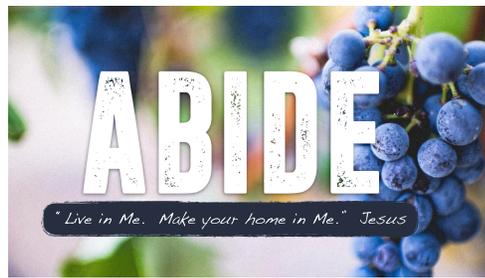


SEQUOIA NOTES

Today's Sequoia Message...

Another Like Jesus

With Ryan Dawson - Lead Pastor
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- **To yield is “to give way or to relinquish”**

Big Idea: Yield to the Holy Spirit, to experience the transforming presence of Jesus.

John 14:15-20 (NLT) “If you love me, obey my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, who will never leave you. ¹⁷ He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth. The world cannot receive him, because it isn’t looking for him and doesn’t recognize him. But you know him, because he lives with you now and later will be in you. ¹⁸ No, I will not abandon you as orphans—I will come to you. ¹⁹ Soon the world will no longer see me, but you will see me. Since I live, you also will live. ²⁰ When I am raised to life again, you will know that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you.”

- **The Holy Spirit is our Advocate (Comforter & Counsellor).**

“Advocate” is (*parakletos*) it means “called alongside to assist.”

- **The Holy Spirit is the presence of Jesus with us.**

- **The Holy Spirit is the very spirit of Jesus Christ – “another like Jesus”.**

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Romans 5:5 (NKJV) “Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.”

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Where has the Holy Spirit been leading you?

John 14:21-26 (NLT) “Those who accept my commandments and obey them are the ones who love me. And because they love me, my Father will love them. And I will love them and reveal myself to each of them. ²² Judas (not Judas Iscariot, but the other disciple with that name) said to him, “Lord, why are you going to reveal yourself only to us and not to the world at large?” ²³ Jesus replied, “All who love me will do what I say. My Father will love them, and we will come and make our home with each of them. ²⁴ Anyone who doesn’t love me will not obey me. And remember, my words are not my own. What I am telling you is from the Father who sent me. ²⁵ I am telling you these things now while I am still with you. ²⁶ But when the Father sends the Advocate as my representative—that is, the Holy Spirit—he will teach you everything and will remind you of everything I have told you.”

- **The Holy Spirit gives us the power we need to follow & obey Christ.**

John 14:27-30 (NLT) “I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don’t be troubled or afraid. ²⁸ Remember what I told you: I am going away, but I will come back to you again. If you really loved me, you would be happy that I am going to the Father, who is greater than I am. ²⁹ I have told you these things before they happen so that when they do happen, you will believe.”

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John 14:30 (NLT) “I don’t have much more time to talk to you, because the ruler of this world approaches. He has no power over me, ³¹ but I will do what the Father requires of me, so that the world will know that I love the Father. Come, let’s be going.”

- **The Holy Spirit is accessible because of the love & obedience of Jesus Christ.**

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Two questions to consider today.

- 1) Where do I need to experience the Love of God?**

“Lord, please reveal your love to me in greater ways so I can trust you.”

- 2) Where do I need to yield to the Holy Spirit?**

“Lord, in what way do I need to yield to you today?”

“When you’re joined with me and I with you, the relation intimate & organic, the harvest is sure to be abundant.” Jesus in John 15:5 (MSG)



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