

Devotional Notes: The Power of Remaining

Scripture:

“If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.”

— John 15:7 (NIV)

At the heart of every fruitful Christian life is one word: **remain**.

Jesus invites us into a relationship that’s not rushed or superficial, but deep, enduring, and rooted in Him. The promise in this verse is powerful—answered prayer—but the condition is clear: **remaining**.

1. Union with Christ

Remaining begins with relationship.

Before you ever chose Him, **He chose you**. Like a branch joined to the vine, you are united to Christ through the Gardener—God the Father—who by His mercy grafts you into Jesus. This union isn’t based on performance but on **grace**. Remaining means continually drawing life from Him, depending on His strength every day.

2. Obedience to the Word

Jesus says His words must remain in us.

That means obedience—not out of duty, but out of love.

When His Word shapes your thinking and your heart, it aligns your desires with His will. Your prayers begin to reflect His purpose, and you see them answered—not because you demanded something, but because you **desired rightly**.

Obedience is the fruit of true connection.

3. Rest in His Love

Remaining also means **resting**.

In a world full of striving and stress, Jesus offers rest—not just from burdens, but **in His love**.

You don’t have to earn His affection or prove yourself to stay connected.

You remain by trusting. His love is constant, and your place in Him is secure.



Peace comes when you stop trying to hold on and instead abide in the One who is **holding you**.

Reflection

Are you rushing through your days, or are you remaining in Christ?
Is your prayer life shaped more by panic or by peace?
True fruitfulness flows from connection—not effort.

Prayer

Jesus, teach me to remain.
Help me stay rooted in You—resting in Your love, obeying Your Word, and trusting in our union.
Let my prayers rise from connection, not desperation.
May my life bear fruit because I'm found in You.
Amen.