

**Parting  
Words**

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**Series: “Parting Words”- Part 5 of 9**  
**Message: “Abide”**

**Key text:** John 15:1-17

### Big idea

An absolutely indispensable trait of being a disciple of Jesus is abiding in Him.

Jesus shows the disciples a satisfying and significant life is \_\_\_\_\_.

Jesus shows the disciples the way to a fruitful life is to \_\_\_\_\_ in Him.

## 7 “I am” statements in John

1. I am the bread of life - 6:35
2. I am the light of the world - 8:12
3. I am the gate - 10:9
4. I am the good shepherd - 10:11
5. I am the resurrection and the life - 11:25
6. I am the way, the truth, and the life - 14:6
7. I am the true vine - 15:1

### 3 realities I need to remember every day

1. I am a branch (v.1).
  - God is the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - I am a \_\_\_\_\_.
2. I will be \_\_\_\_\_ (vs.2-3).

### Truths about pruning:

- A. Pruning is unavoidably \_\_\_\_\_ for fruit.
- B. God has only one criterion for pruning: How can I get the \_\_\_\_\_ out of this branch?

### Some of God's pruning tools:

His Word, daily circumstances, relationships

3. I must \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ (vs.4-6). It takes discipline on our part to abide in Jesus and full dependence on Jesus as He abides in us.

**Examples of what happens when I abide in Him:**

- A. Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_ abide in me (vs.7-8).
- B. I abide in Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_ as I obey Him (vs.9-10).
- C. Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_ abides in me (v.11).

**MY NEXT STEP TODAY IS TO:**

- ☐ Memorize John 15:5.
- ☐ Have you ever tried letting anything else be your vine besides Jesus? If so, what?
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*We exist to help people trust and follow Jesus.*



