

ABIDING — Part 3

9-6-26 Pastor Stewart Farley

Scriptures for Today John 15:1–16 / Luke 10:38–42 / John 15:4–5

Opening Reflection — Follow-Up From Last Week

Last week's call to action was:

“Intentionally ABIDE. Choose one daily rhythm — morning, commute, lunch break, or evening — and make it your ‘hang-out place’ with Jesus. Let His presence soak into your thoughts, decisions, and emotions. Then ask Him for one Rhema word — one personal, living word — and obey it as your act of abiding.”

Where did you intentionally abide this past week, and what Rhema word did the Lord speak into your life?

1. Connected to the Source of Life

Pastor said: “*We are connected to the Creator of the universe... connected to the Father of Glory.*” **How does seeing Jesus as your connection to the Father reshape your daily walk?**

2. Abiding Is a Relationship, Not a Performance

Pastor warned that the modern church often trains people to *perform* for God instead of *abide* with God. **Where have you felt pressured to perform spiritually instead of simply remaining with Him?**

3. Martha vs. Mary — Activity vs. Intimacy

Luke 10:38–42 — Martha was busy; Mary was present. **Which one reflects your current spiritual posture — and what needs to shift?**

4. Heaven Rewards Intimacy, Not Activity

Pastor said: “*Blessed are the busy*” is not in the Bible. **What does intimacy with Jesus look like in your real, everyday life?**

5. Abiding Produces Fruit — Not Effort

John 15:4–5 — “Apart from Me you can do nothing.” **Where have you tried to produce fruit through effort instead of abiding?**

**Get Involved with Us as We Pursue Excellence, Value ALL People, Fuel and Display Passion,
Choose a Good Attitude at ALL Times**

6. Religion Performs — Abiding Remains

Pastor contrasted the two:

- Religion hides
- Religion runs away
- Religion earns But abiding stays, remains, and rests. **Where do you see religious pressure creeping into your walk with Jesus?**

7. The Real Test: Where Do You Run When You Fail?

Pastor said: *“When you mess up — do you run from God or to Him?”* **What does running to God look like for you in moments of weakness or failure?**

8. Graphe → Logos → Rhema

Pastor taught the three dimensions of the Word:

- **Graphe** — the written text
- **Logos** — the meaning
- **Rhema** — the personal word spoken into your situation **Where has God taken His Word off the page and into your personal experience?**

9. Abiding Builds a Reservoir of Trust

Pastor said abiding shifts us from *me-ness* to *we-ness*. **How is abiding changing the way you make decisions, respond to pressure, or see your world?**

10. Information Isn’t Enough — Interaction Is Required

Pastor said: *“It’s the Son who sets you free... not the information.”* **What does interacting with Jesus — not just learning about Him — look like for you this week?**

Closing Call to Action

This week, deepen your abiding. Choose one intentional practice that keeps you connected to Jesus throughout the day — inviting Him into your decisions, conversations, work, and quiet moments. Ask Him again for a Rhema word, and respond to it with trust and obedience. Let your life shift from performance to presence, from pressure to peace, and from me-ness to we-ness with Christ.