

The Revolutionary Disciple (Week 2)

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“The Power Source of Discipleship”

A **REVOLUTIONARY** disciple is a humble disciple who **follows Jesus, is changed by Jesus, and is committed to Jesus’ mission.**

Pride **IS** the death of discipleship.

Pride says, “*Jesus, save me, but do not lead me.*”

Humility says, “*Jesus, I surrender. Change me and send me.*”

The Five Spheres of Discipleship

The five spheres give a picture of the book of **Ephesians** and show that God has a design for every area of life:

1. **Abiding with God**
2. **Church Life**
3. **Home / Family Life**
4. **Work / World Life**
5. **Spiritual Realm**

The abiding relationship with God is the center and power source for everything else.

Main Scripture: **Ephesians 1:1-14**

In **Ephesians 1:1-14**, 12 different times Paul used phrases like:

- ***In Christ, In Him, Through Christ, Under Christ, etc.***

Everything begins and changes **in Christ**.

What Does Abiding Look Like?

1. Surrender

Abiding begins when we say, “*Lord, I need You. Lead me. Change me.*”

2. God’s Word

We cannot have a healthy abiding relationship apart from Scripture.

“*All Scripture is God-breathed...*” — **2 Timothy 3:16**

God’s Word teaches, corrects, trains, and helps us recognize God’s voice.

3. Prayer and the Holy Spirit

We ask God to speak, lead, and reveal His will.

But remember: The Spirit of God never contradicts the Word of God. Not every thought, feeling, or sense of peace is from God. We test everything by Scripture.

4. Obedience

Abiding is more than reflection or morning devotions. It changes how we live. Jesus is not only Savior; He is King.

John 15: The Vine and Branches

Jesus said: “*I am the vine; you are the branches... apart from me you can do nothing.*” — **John 15:5**

God prunes His people, so they bear more fruit. Remaining in Christ changes our desires, our prayers, and our decisions.

When we abide, we begin to pray: “*Your kingdom come, Your will be done.*”

God Gives Us What We Need

For the journey of discipleship, God gives us:

- **The Holy Spirit of God** — power and direction
 - **The Word of God** — truth and correction
 - **The People of God** — encouragement and discipleship
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Abiding Helps Me Remember:

Who God Is

He is Father, Creator, all-powerful, all-knowing, loving, gracious, and faithful.

Who I Am in Christ

I am redeemed, forgiven, chosen, loved, known, marked by the Holy Spirit, and given purpose.

Why This Matters

When I am not abiding, my flesh often leads me to fear, anger, stress, pride, control, and selfishness.

When I am abiding, Jesus changes how I respond in marriage, family, work, conflict, disappointment, and temptation.

Abiding makes me **God-conscious** throughout the day.

Reflection Questions

1. Am I following Jesus, or asking Jesus to follow me?
 2. Where am I resisting God’s design?
 3. Am I regularly abiding in Scripture and prayer?
 4. Am I testing my feelings and decisions by God’s Word?
 5. What step will I take this week to remain in Christ?
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This Week

Read **Ephesians 1**. Notice every phrase like “*In Christ, In Him, Through Christ, Under Christ, etc.*”

Pray: “*Lord, help me abide in You, know who You are, remember who I am in Christ, and obey Your will.*”