



# Abide

Part 1

Joy! Church | 1.28.24  
We love you. Yes, you

## A psalmist promise

Psalm 84, vv.1 & 10a

ESV. How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! ... A day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

NIV. How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord Almighty! Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere..

MSG. What a beautiful home, God-of-the-Angel-Armies! I've always longed to live in a place like this. One day spent in your house, this beautiful place of worship, beats thousands spent on Greek island beaches.

TPT. God of Heaven's Armies, you find so much beauty in your people! They're like lovely sanctuaries of your presence. Just one day of intimacy with you is like a thousand days of joy rolled into one!

## The promise fulfilled!

Jesus The Christ

**1 John 2:6.** NIV. Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did.

TPT. We can be sure that we've truly come to live in intimacy with God, 6 not just by saying, "I am intimate with God," but by walking in the footsteps of Jesus. *[follows Him]*

**1 John 3:24.** NIV. The one who keeps God's commands *[follows Him]* lives in him, and he in them. And this is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us.

TPT. For all who obey his commands *[follow Him]* find their lives joined in union with him, and he lives and flourishes in them. We know and have proof that he constantly lives and flourishes in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

## The promise fulfilled!

Jesus The Christ

**1 John 4:13.** NIV. This is how we know that we live in him and he in us: He has given us of his Spirit.

TPT. And he has given us his Spirit within us so that we can have the assurance that he lives in us and that we live in him...

**John 15:10,** Jesus speaking. John 15:10. NIV. If you keep my commands *[follow Me]*, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love.

TPT. If you keep my commands *[follow Me]*, you will live in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands, for I continually live nourished and empowered by his love.

# Table Time

1. Brainstorm words that match abide
  - A. First, ask Holy Spirit for words or phrases
  - B. Then, Google it. (That's not cheating)
2. Get quiet. Then, ask Holy Spirit for memories of experiences when you abided in Christ, or for impressions of what it could be like.

Share what you sense.  
What do you...

  - A. See?
  - B. Hear?
  - C. Taste?
  - D. Feel?
  - E. Smell?

## Roadmap 2024

You are invited! Yes, you 😊  
Come to either of 2 sessions:

- **Sun., Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 – 5:00 pm**  
repeated on
- **Wed., Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 – 8:00 pm**

I love you. Yes, you. ~ john

As an active church guy,  
I always wanted to know:

- Where are we headed?
- What's the story?
- Why does it matter?
- What's my part?

Our direction is shifting this year  
Here's your chance to learn more

Please make your own arrangements  
for childcare