

Abide

Most believers in Jesus have heard that we should abide in Jesus: to stay in Him, a command in John 15 and 1John. But John's whole Gospel and all of 1John show a meaning of this command that is rarely seen fully in English, and is too rarely put into full practice in our lives. God calls for His children to abide in Jesus, a life and ministry amazingly like what Jesus lived on earth. Staying in Jesus is a vital theme of both John's Gospel and 1John. Our not realizing this theme has greatly weakened our personal and corporate life and growth in God on earth. A simple issue has caused so few believers to see this vital theme in John's books: an assumed way to partly translate a Greek word "ina" about 25 of John's 213 times to use it. In this book we can see that fully translating "ina" shows God's revelation of sources of vital outcomes, and shows why most of us have not fully moved into them. Part 2 of this book shows every time John used this word in the Bible.

So, your sitting there, on the journey of life. Stuck. Again. Sure, it's convenient, easy, comfortable. But where is the passion, excitement, and adventure you thought you might find with God? Where is the freedom, the love, and the support through good times and bad? Often, these are the most frustrating questions in our lives. The questions that no one seems to have an answer for and at the same time rarely get asked. The ones that are just bad enough for us to know something is deeply wrong but not great enough to provide a reason to break out of our comfort zones. So, what do we do? Abide seeks to answer these questions along with practical advice to help those who are struggling in a much darker arena as well as support those who have already found their passion in Christ. Using biblically backed evidence and life

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experience this book seeks to provide practical answers to questions that remain ignored far too often either by ourselves or by others.

Jesus said, "he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing." In the letter of 1 John, we read, "he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him." What exactly do these Scriptures mean? How do we "abide" in Jesus? What is it like to abide "IN Him" and Him IN us? How do we "abide in love?" The first Scriptures we'll study are in John 15, because they are so insightful. Jesus makes it clear what He means by abide in Me and in My love. First, He wants us to love Him/God, and demonstrate our love by obeying His teachings. He wants us to know the Word, to know Him, He is the Word. And when we do, "My words abide in you." We believe the Word and do it. When we abide in Him and His Word, we get to KNOW God better. Jesus said when we abide in Him, and Him in us, we can pray and ask in His name, and it shall be granted. When we abide in His love, which is the fruit of the Spirit, we can truly love the brethren. And without Him we can do nothing. Now let's read the other 58 Scriptures!!! Scripture explains Scripture. So each lesson herein is a paragraph or two of scripture, in context, sorted by themes, where two or more of the words "abide, in Him and/or in love" (and their various synonyms) appear in the same paragraph; followed by four questions. Although each Scripture is in context, it's best if you also read what surrounds these verses. Also included is a short form of The Gospel Message. We cannot abide in Him, and in His love without knowing and responding to the gospel of Jesus Christ. A Small Group Facilitation Guide is also included herein to help home group and bible study leaders host interactive meetings. Appendix A near the back has some Sample Answers. The follow up to this study is, "I BELIEVE in JESUS." Jesus was sent by the Father to

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earth to give life and eternal life to all those who would believe in Him. We will explore what it means to truly "believe" in Jesus (past, present and until the end). Scripture explaining Scripture. For all you songwriters interested in worship song content, consider the songwriter version of this booklet, "ABIDE in JESUS and in HIS LOVE (Songwriters' Edition)." The scriptures are virtually the same ones used in this book, except that they are followed by different questions and helpful hints to inspire the writing of upwardly focused worship songs. ABIDE in JESUS and in HIS LOVE (Pastors edition) is available for pastors and teachers who create their own inspirational, comprehensive, theme-based, bible sermon series. The Scriptures are the same, but with different research suggestions for sermon preparation. The questions guide students and teacher to focus in on verb phrases (actions) that are in the Truth, use Scripture to explain Scripture, encourage everyone to KNOW God better and be doers of the Word. So that the Word of God will correct, reproof, train and equip believers to be disciples of Jesus Christ.

In the Gospel of John Jesus directs us, Abide in me, as I abide in you. This book is an invitation to make the Word of God your home through the practice of lectio divina .Macrina Wiederkehr, OSB, encourages you to turn the words of Scripture over in your heart as a plough turns over the soil to welcome the seed. In these scriptural meditations, the piercing reflective questions and personal prayers lead the reader into a deeper relationship with the Divine. Aware that drawing near the Word of God requires a special kind of presence, the author invites you to breathe in the Word, wait before the Word, walk through the pages of Scripture as a pilgrim, and, finally, abide in an intimate and transforming communion with God. The format of the book lends itself not only to daily personal prayer and reflection, but to group faith

sharing as well. Macrina Wiederkehr, OSB, author of the popular *A Tree Full of Angels* (HarperCollins) and *Seven Sacred Pauses* (Ave Maria), is well known for her creative spiritual writings and retreat ministry. She is also a regular columnist for *Stepping Stones*, the Little Rock Scripture Study newsletter. She has lived monastic life for fifty years and makes her home with the Sisters of St. Scholastica, a Benedictine monastery in Fort Smith, Arkansas. Writing and retreat ministry have become a part of her evolving call. Visit her personal blog at <http://macrina-underthesycamoretree.blogspot.com/>.

In this novel inspired by *Wuthering Heights*, a small town bad boy forged by the fires of Afghanistan returns home, still burning with a romantic obsession nothing can quench. A small-town bad boy, forged into a man in the fires of Afghanistan, returns home, still burning with a romantic obsession nothing can quench. As the fog lifts one morning, a lone soldier is walking home. Who is he? The sleepy, gossipy town of Hoosick Bridge, Vermont, has forgotten him, but it will soon remember. He is Roy Murphy, returning to face his violent, complicated reputation. Returning to Emma Herrick, descendant of Hoosick Bridge's first family, who occupies its grandest, now decaying, house: the Heights. Their intense and unlikely adolescent romance provided scandalous gossip for the town. The young lovers escaped Hoosick Bridge, but Emma remained Roy's obsession long after they parted. Now Roy returns from Afghanistan a changed and extraordinary man who will stop at nothing to obtain a piece of the Herricks' legacy.

In our culture today, Christians all around America are finding it hard to battle the spiritual warfare that is all around us. We find ourselves busy, tired, frustrated, and to the point of burning out. Our tendency as humans is to fight our battles with our own strength. Like King Saul, we don't wait on the

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Lord. We rush into battle before God arrives, because we believe our gifts and talents are enough. This has become a common reaction in life until we are confronted with a storm so great that it reminds us of our need and dependence on Christ to intervene on our behalf. The purpose of Abide: Forty Days to Abounding Freedom in Christ is to remind us that we are to remain in Christ at all times. Jesus clearly told us in John 15 that He is the vine and we are the branches. The branches by themselves will not produce fruit. Only when we are connected to the vine will we be able to endure life's most difficult challenges. Even when we engage in the most mundane things in life, it is important that we learn abide and lean on Christ. Like Mary, who sat at the feet of Jesus, we must remain in Him so that His Spirit will exude from us and produce the good fruit. Abide is a forty-day devotional that teaches what it means to remain in Christ by highlighting eight different areas of practice. These areas include abiding in Christ, the Word, prayer, fire, suffering, hope, rest, and love.

Do you feel overwhelmed by the chaos of life? We all know spending time with Jesus is important if we want to grow in our relationship with Him. We hear about quiet time, but how do we actually find the time to focus on Jesus in the middle of our never ending to-do list? There is hope! In Abide: 40 Ways to Focus on Jesus Daily, Tara Cole helps you: -Discover 40 quick, practical ideas to begin now-Develop strategies to spend time with Jesus throughout your busy day-Find peace in pursuing a deeper relationship with Jesus-Join Tara as you abide in Jesus through his word, prayer, worship, community, and service. Begin to weave these ways into the fabric of your life instead of fearing you're not doing enough. Begin to focus your eyes on Jesus and look up.

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one man to go to for guidance—the Dude. At once helpful, funny and profound (like *The Big Lebowski* itself), this survival guide from the founders of the Church of the Latter-Day Dude and their top disciples shows how to be as Dude-like as the Dude (well, almost):

- Secrets of sacred Dudeist practices
- The Seven Spiritual Laws of Taking it Easy
- Great Dudes who changed the world (without really trying)
- New feminist philosophy for special ladies
- The Way of the Dude applied to politics, ethics and finances
- A 12-step program for personal dudevolution
- The science of really tying your room together

All this and a lot more what-have-you. So the next time life throws you a gutterball, just pick up this book and ask, “What Would the Dude Do?” It’s your answer for everything.

From the Man Booker Prize Longlisted author of *My Name is Lucy Barton* Katherine is only five-years-old. Struck dumb with grief at her mother's death, it is down to her father, the heartbroken minister Tyler Caskey, to bring his daughter out of silence she has observed in the wake of the family's tragedy. But Tyler Caskey is barely surviving himself. His cold, church-assigned home is colder still since Lauren's death, and he struggles to find the right words for his sermons; struggles to be a leader to his congregation when he himself is lost. When Katherine's schoolteacher calls to discuss his daughter's anti-social behaviour, it sparks a chain of events that begins to tear down Tyler's defences. The small-town rumour-mill has much to make of Katherine's odd behaviour, and even more to say about Tyler's relationship with his housekeeper, Connie Hatch. And in Tyler's darkest hour, a startling discovery will test his congregation's humanity - and his own will to endure the kinds of trials that sooner or later test us all. From the Orange Prize-shortlisted author of *Amy & Isabelle*, this is a startlingly beautiful novel about love and abandonment, faith and hypocrisy; and the peril of family secrets...

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The scriptures of the Christian faith speak of a life qualitatively different from that which we see portrayed on videos, movie screens, and the pages of magazines. The Scriptures proclaim that we can experience the "life of God" here and now. Most of us long for such a life, but have discovered that experiencing this life of God is not simply a matter of following seven specific steps or nine important principles. In this book, Rev. Douglas J. Early reminds us that the way to the fullness of life that God offers us has little to do with our own striving and far more to do with receiving what is already at hand. Using wisdom found in 1 John, *Abide In Me* serves as a guide to experiencing a life of joy, purpose, and love. Readers are invited to explore the breadth and depth of the life that comes from abiding in the presence of Christ and attending to the Spirit of Christ abiding in each of us. For anyone wanting more in life but tired of working hard and getting nowhere, this book offers hope for experiencing the life of God in Christ, here and now.

The Gospel of John would seem to be both the "spiritual Gospel" and a Gospel that promotes Christian mission. Some interpreters, however, have found John to be the product of a sectarian community that promotes a very narrow view of Christian mission and advocates neither love of neighbor nor love of enemy. In this book for both the academy and the church, Michael Gorman argues that John has a profound spirituality that is robustly missional, and that it can be summarized in the paradoxical phrase "Abide and go," from John 15. Disciples participate in the divine love and life, and therefore in the life-giving mission of God manifested in the ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus. As God's children, disciples become more and more like this missional God as they become like his Son by the work of the Spirit. This spirituality, argues Gorman, can be called missional theosis. Written by Andrew Murray, *Abide in Christ* is a daily

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meditation on the Word of God. There are 31 days of intimacy with the Lord Jesus, in a book with many messages of faith and hope. Andrew Murray was one of the main pastors and Christian leaders of the century XIX. He wrote more than 240 books, including: Abide in Christ Absolute Surrender Be Perfect Divine Healing God's Will: Our Dwelling Place Holy in Christ How to Raise Your Children for Christ Humility: The Beauty of Holiness Let Us Draw Nigh Like Christ Money The Deeper Christian Life The Lord's Table The Holiest of All: An Exposition of the Epistle to the Hebrews The Master's Indwelling The Ministry of Intercession The Power of the Blood of Christ The Prayer Life The Spirit of Christ The Spiritual Life The True Vine The Two Covenants The Secret of God's Presence Thy Will Be Done Waiting on God With Christ in the School of Obedience With Christ in the School of Prayer Working for God! Humility & Absolute Surrender A practical read on how to remain abiding in the Lord. Abide in me as I abide in you. As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love.

Dr. Wiersbe zeroes in on Satan's attacks as deceiver, destroyer, ruler, and accuser. He emphasizes that conquering the enemy comes by obeying God's truth.

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In this hotly anticipated conclusion to his popular Invisible Life trilogy, E. Lynn Harris delivers a masterful tale that traces the evolving lives of his beloved characters Nicole Springer and Raymond Tyler, Jr., and reintroduces readers to their respective lovers, best friends, and potential enemies. Abide with Me moves between the worlds of New York City, where Nicole has recently settled in order to pursue her dream of returning to the

Broadway stage, and Seattle, where a late-night phone call from a U.S. Senator is about to change Raymond's life dramatically. Relationships and ambitions are tested as Harris deftly guides us toward this entertaining novel's conclusion. Sexy and heartwarming in equal measure, *Abide with Me* will thrill new readers as well as fans already familiar with Harris's unique take on the universal themes of love, friendship, and family. E. Lynn Harris has truly done it again.

Abiding Mission presents the discipline of abiding as the first priority of the Christian and the base methodology of mission. Based on an exegesis of John 15, *Abiding Mission* illustrates the definition of abiding by examining the abiding mission lives of seven key pioneers in mission to Muslims in North Africa, including Daniel Comboni (Catholic), Samuel Zwemer (Presbyterian), Oswald Chambers (YMCA/Pentecostal League), Lillian Trasher (Assemblies of God), Lilius Trotter (Algerian Missions Band), Douglas Thornton (Anglican-CMS), and Temple Gairdner (Anglican-CMS). The work continues by looking at the operationalization of abiding as developed from interviews from current missionaries to Muslims in North Africa.

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guide from the founders of the Church of the Latter-DayDude and their top disciples shows how to be as Dude-like as the Dude (well, almost).

Abiding in God is the secret of Christian life. It is therefore essential for us to learn how to abide in Him. Both Old and New Testament authors have emphasized the importance of abiding in God; for such is the secret of walking with Him. Indeed, let us notice that Moses, Joshua and Caleb in Old Testament times and the apostle John in New Testament times have laid stress on that fact. How, then, can we abide in God? It is not by our human effort but by the mercy of God. He has made the provision and the possibility of our abiding in Him. First, God gave us His Son, the Lord Jesus, to make it possible to abide in Him. And then He sent His Holy Spirit to abide in us so as to make it possible for us to experience this blessed abiding. Accordingly, we as the recipients of this blessed abiding must continually thank God for the Spirit's blessed abiding in us. It is therefore essential for us to learn the secret of how to abide in God. It requires us to give up our self-life in order that we may experience this abiding life. May all of us be willing to do so.

Abiding is active. We actively draw life from the Vine, Jesus, as we abide in Him. We believe, we trust, we are closely connected. We are attached and grafted into the Vine in deep connection. We are positioned to receive all we can from the Vine. We receive the

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life-giving sap from the Vine. We draw from the Vine all that we need. It is our connection to the Vine that brings forth fruit – we cannot do it with self effort! David in one of his Psalms writes that God says, “Come and talk with Me.” And his heart responds, “Lord, I am coming.” How does our heart respond? Is it, “Later, when I’m not so busy? When I have more time?” We will never have more time. We have to make time. And we will, if it’s what we really want. Best time, not leftovers. Not when we are half asleep! We will be abiding and dwelling as close to God as we desire and discipline ourselves to be. Taking its title from the Book of John, Abide in Christ works to encourage readers to step past the doorway and into God’s throne room. Pastor Andrew Murray simplifies the teachings of Jesus Christ, using 31 daily readings taken from books within both the Old and New Testaments to help Christians, and even those who are curious, accept the invitation and move closer to the fellowship of God and Jesus Christ. Abide in Christ presents an intense, enthusiastic message with the kind of depth and simplicity all readers can appreciate. The Book of Romans in a handy journaling paperback containing brief book introductions, single-column Scripture layout, and Scripture-engagement prompts with journaling lines opposite each page of Scripture. Abide is a unique tool for discovering Scripture at an

exciting new level. Specially crafted prompts guide readers to engage biblical passages with more depth and imagination than ever before. By considering scriptural truth via classic art, journaling, and praying biblical texts, readers enjoy fresh, life-altering encounters with God and His Word.

The Bible heralds the good news that God is dispensing Himself into His believers for their daily enjoyment. This enjoyment issues forth from abiding in the Lord and enjoying His life. This crucial truth is the subject of the apostle John's writings in the New Testament. It is mysterious, but it can be experienced!

On His way to the cross, Jesus revealed something vital. The One who taught like no one else, used an analogy of a grapevine involving Himself as the True Vine, God the Father as the Vinedresser, and we children as the branches. Recorded in John 15, this teaching reveals that there is no greater, purpose-filled living than in relationship with God through Jesus Christ. Like a branch to a vine, Jesus says we must abide in Him. This command is not one more thing to do or laborious striving. It is an invitation into the Divine. By obediently laying down our own agendas to pick up His, we are able to rest in His love as we joyfully allow the Vinedresser to attend to us. Abiding in Christ makes us some mighty blessed branches. John 15 is a life changing Chapter. We will view glorious spiritual scenery as we walk

through it verse-by-verse in this seven week study. Along with the teaching provided, we will have opportunity to journal as we ruminate on God's Word, and memory verses to help us write it on our hearts. God's desire is that we glorify Him by bearing much fruit, and it only happens as we abide in Christ. Prepare to come alive and be transformed as the Savior of the world invites us to true Kingdom living as secure, beloved children.

NATIONAL BESTSELLER • From the Pulitzer Prize-winning, #1 New York Times bestselling author of *Olive Kitteridge* comes a “superb” (*O: The Oprah Magazine*) novel that “confirms Strout as the possessor of an irresistibly companionable, peculiarly American voice.” (*The Atlantic Monthly*) In the late 1950s, in a small New England town, Reverend Tyler Caskey has suffered a terrible loss and finds it hard to be the person he once was. He struggles to find the right words in his sermons and in his conversations with those facing crises of their own, and to bring his five-year-old daughter, Katherine, out of the silence she has observed in the wake of the family’s tragedy. Tyler’s usually patient and kind congregation now questions his leadership and propriety, and accusations are born out of anger and gossip. Then, in Tyler’s darkest hour, a startling discovery will test his parish’s humanity—and his own will to endure the trials that sooner or later test us all. Praise for *Abide With Me* “Strout’s greatly

anticipated second novel . . . is an answered prayer.”—Vanity Fair “Deeply moving . . . In one beautiful page after another, Strout captures the mysterious combinations of hope and sorrow. She sees all these wounded people with heartbreaking clarity, but she has managed to write a story that cradles them in understanding and that, somehow, seems like a foretaste of salvation.”—The Washington Post “Graceful and moving . . . The pacing of Strout’s deeply felt fiction about the distance between parents and children gives her work an addictive quality.”—People (four stars)

"Remain in My Love" --John 15:9 Many Christians go to church each week burdened by guilt and shame, believing they are unworthy of God's full love. In *Abide in Christ*, Andrew Murray reminds every Christian that God promises His constant presence with them. In just ten minutes a day, Andrew Murray's 31-day spiritual guide offers timeless meditations and practical lessons. Move from a divided heart to wholehearted surrender. Your hunger for God's presence is made to be satisfied--experience a deep, authentic, and ongoing connection with Jesus. In this edition, Murray's 19th-century classic features lightly updated language for easier reading, understanding, and connecting with Jesus. With a foreword and afterword by Doug Nuenke, US president of The Navigators, *Abide in Christ* will send you into the world even as it draws

you into a full life in Christ.

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In these days, it appears that evil is triumphant. It seems as though the bad guy is even being rewarded for craftiness. Decisions are no longer based upon biblical or moral principles, but rather on personal benefit and profitability. The effects of these decisions reach to the very core of our society, causing divisions and grief in our families, our relationships, and our jobs. This seems to be especially true in the world we live in today. In *Abide in Me*, we are taking AIM at the root of this calamity. *Abide in Me* contains stories about the author's own life, which left him wondering, "Why me?" The stories demonstrate how a person can turn, or be turned, 180 degrees from the path he was created to walk and find his way back. We have all experienced trials. Perhaps we have made personal or selfish decisions, which seem to have had disastrous effects on ourselves and those around us. At this point in your life, you may even be thinking there is no hope, because of what you have done. Your past does not define you. Hope for your future is possible, but there are necessary steps you must be willing to take. Joel Trenkle has gone from diving in dumpsters to doctor, but not on his own strength. You can find refreshing new meaning and purpose for your life in this book.

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In this timeless classic, first published in 1895, Dutch Reformed Pastor Andrew Murray explores scripture and the life of Christ in order to teach how to live daily in closer communion and companionship with him. Andrew Murray wrote this series of meditations to unravel the secrets of going beyond following, and into abiding in the Vine so the faith can always be fresh and ever growing. He urges readers to surrender themselves to Jesus, in order that they may know the rich and full experience of the sacredness of abiding in Christ. This word 'abide' speaks of the intimacy of fellowship to which his followers are still invited. The author explains out of conviction that many believers are missing out on something that is really at the heart of a healthy Christian life, although they trust the Lord for forgiveness and help, they are yet to experience the blessing of a day by day walk with Christ. He shows how, by taking the time to live closer to Jesus, one can move into a deeper and stronger Christian experience.

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Abiding is not a word we have much use for in everyday conversation. Yet Ben Quash shows that this one concept is central to the Christian life. Abiding, as Quash demonstrates, has the sense of full personal commitment, a quality of solidarity that 'waiting' just cannot convey. It speaks of the centrality of order, consistency and continuity in the Christian tradition, of God's commitment to us and ours to our communities. On the other hand, the kind

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of 'abiding' that Jesus calls his followers to is one of relinquishment, openness and change, living a life out of one's own control so as to 'abide' in Him. Drawing on the wisdom and imagery of modern fiction, film and art, as well as examples of key figures in the classical Christian tradition, Quash skilfully and creatively explores the implications that 'abiding' has for our bodies and minds, our relationships and communities, and our spiritual lives.

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