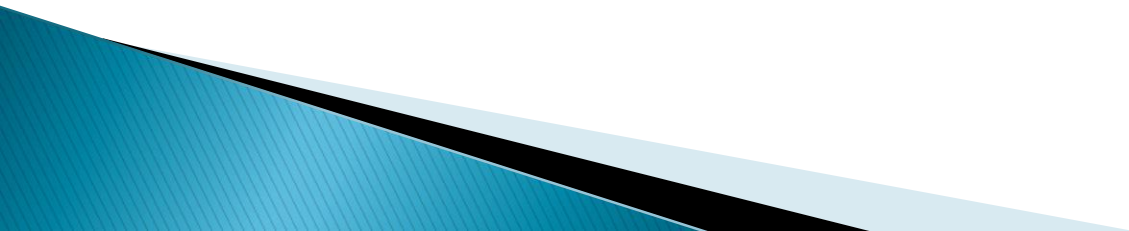


Come Abide

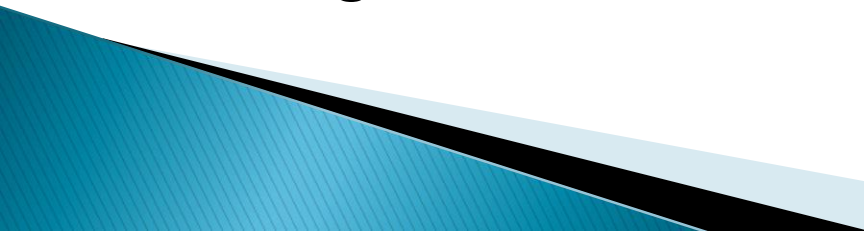
John 15:4-10



- ▶ **John 15:4-10 Abide** in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it **abides** in the vine, neither can you, unless you **abide** in me. 5 I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever **abides** in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. 6 If anyone does not **abide** in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. 7 If you **abide** in me, and my words **abide** in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. 8 By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. 9 As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. **Abide** in my love. 10 If you keep my commandments, you will **abide** in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and **abide** in his love. 11 These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. ESV

- ▶ **John 15:4-10** "Live in me. Make your home in me just as I do in you. In the same way that a branch can't bear grapes by itself but only by being joined to the vine, you can't bear fruit unless you are joined with me.
- ▶ 5 "I am the Vine, you are the branches. When you're joined with me and I with you, the **relation intimate and organic**, the harvest is sure to be abundant. Separated, you can't produce a thing. 6 Anyone who separates from me is deadwood, gathered up and thrown on the bonfire. 7 But if you make yourselves at home with me and my words are at home in you, you can be sure that whatever you ask will be listened to and acted upon. 8 This is how my Father shows who he is — when you produce grapes, when you mature as my disciples.
- ▶ 9 "I've loved you the way my Father has loved me. Make yourselves at home in my love. 10 If you keep my commands, you'll remain intimately at home in my love. That's what I've done — kept my Father's commands and made myself at home in his love. The Message

- ▶ Jesus Christ became the human living word to reveal the Father to us. He is now inviting and appealing to us to join Him as the Living word in **KNOWING, STAYING, GROWING, LOVING with HIM!**
- ▶ **Psalm 119:89-96** What you say goes, God, and stays, as permanent as the heavens. 90 Your truth never goes out of fashion; it's as up-to-date as the earth when the sun comes up. 91 Your Word and truth are dependable as ever; that's what you ordered — you set the earth going. 92 If your revelation hadn't delighted me so, I would have given up when the hard times came.
- ▶ 93 But I'll never forget the advice you gave me; you saved my life with those wise words. 94 Save me! I'm all yours. I look high and low for your words of wisdom. 95 The wicked lie in ambush to destroy me, but I'm only concerned with your plans for me. 96 I see the limits to everything human, but the horizons can't contain your commands! The Message

- ▶ What our thoughts or attitudes about reading the Bible?
 - ▶ **BUT GOD’S WORD IS DIFFERENT THAN ANY OTHER BOOK...**
 - ▶ **Hebrews 4:12 Amplified Bible (AMP)** “12 For the word of God is living and active and full of power [making it operative, energizing, and effective]. It is sharper than any two-edged [a]sword, penetrating as far as the division of the [b]soul and spirit [the completeness of a person], and of both joints and marrow [the deepest parts of our nature], exposing and judging the very thoughts and intentions of the heart.”
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▶ **2 Timothy 3:16-17 Amplified Bible (AMP)**

“16 All Scripture is God-breathed [given by divine inspiration] and is profitable for instruction, for conviction [of sin], for correction [of error and restoration to obedience], for training in righteousness [learning to live in conformity to God’s will, both publicly and privately—behaving honorably with personal integrity and moral courage]; 17 so that the [a]man of God may be complete and proficient, outfitted and thoroughly equipped for every good work.”



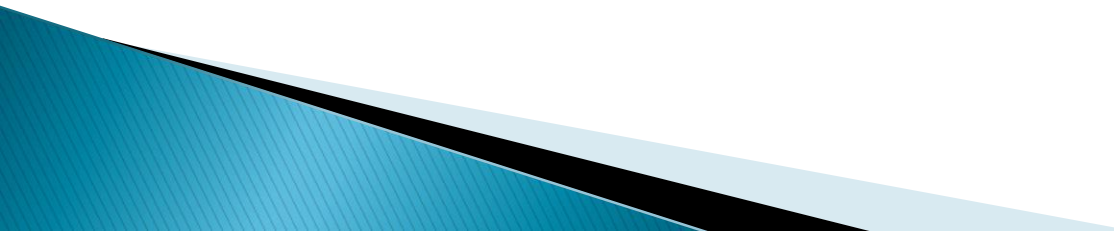
▶ **There’s life in God’s word that can change us when we come into contact with it.**

There's Three Things We do to Access the Wisdom & Power of God's Word:

▶ 1. Consume It!

- ▶ John 6:28-40 They replied, "We want to perform God's works, too. What should we do?" 29 Jesus told them, "This is the only work God wants from you: Believe in the one he has sent." 30 They answered, "Show us a miraculous sign if you want us to believe in you. What can you do? 31 After all, our ancestors ate manna while they journeyed through the wilderness! The Scriptures say, 'Moses gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" 32 Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, Moses didn't give you bread from heaven. My Father did. And now he offers you the true bread from heaven. 33 The true bread of God is the one who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." 34 "Sir," they said, "give us that bread every day."

- ▶ 35 Jesus replied, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry again. Whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. 36 But you haven't believed in me even though you have seen me. 37 However, those the Father has given me will come to me, and I will never reject them. 38 For I have come down from heaven to do the will of God who sent me, not to do my own will. 39 And this is the will of God, that I should not lose even one of all those he has given me, but that I should raise them up at the last day. 40 For it is my Father's will that all who see his Son and believe in him should have eternal life. I will raise them up at the last day."
- ▶ Jesus is the bread, he's the sustaining life of heaven.

- ▶ “This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you will meditate on it, day and night so that you may be careful to do, for then you will make your ways prosperous and then you will have good success.” (Joshua. 1:8)
 - ▶ “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly with all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another with songs and hymns and spiritual songs. Singing and making melody in your hearts and whatever you do in word or deed do all in the name of the Lord Jesus. (Colossians 3:16,17)
 - ▶ **Consume God’s Word Like Your Life Depends On it!
Because it does.**
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▶ Bread in the Wilderness –

▶ **Exodus 16:19-20** Then Moses told them, "Do not keep any of it until morning." 20 But some of them didn't listen and kept some of it until morning. But by then it was full of maggots and had a terrible smell.

- You don't just need bread from time to time or you don't want stale "old" bread, you need and want FRESH BREAD DAILY.
- If they kept it overnight, it would get moldy.
- **Here's a little tip to reading the Bible consistently, try a reading plan:**
- **In light of where we are!!!!**

▶ **It is not what you know that you know, it is what you think you know that you don't know that is the problem!**

▶ **BiOY**

▶ 49 Questions - Do You Know?

▶ Surely you know!

▶ Tell Me If You Know All!

▶ The point of God's questioning is to demonstrate the fact that there are certain things that we do not know as human beings – the 'secret things' belong to the Lord our God.

1. What you do know

2. Once again God fires questions at Job making him realize that there are simply some things 'too wonderful for [Job] to know' (Job 42:3b). Job holds on to the faithfulness of God, **'I know that you can do all things; no plan of yours can be thwarted'**
3. God does not give us trouble-free lives. He does not answer all our questions. But he does reassure us that he is with us in our troubles.
4. You can know that God is ultimately in control and therefore you can live at peace and confidently trust that, in everything, God will work for the good of those who love him (Romans 8:28).

