

ABIDE

John 15

JESUS _____ **HIS** _____ **TO** _____

John 15:1-4

To _____ means to stay _____ and to _____ is to _____

We are to _____ fruit which shows that we are _____ in our

_____ with Jesus

In the Old Testament, the _____ was a _____ or _____ for Israel

Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:8-18

JESUS _____ **HIS** _____ **TO BEAR** _____

John 15:5-8

It we have no attachment to _____, then we are not _____ fruit

Our _____ as Christians is to remain _____ or _____ to the _____

We have been _____ to _____ and _____ fruit

THE _____ **OF** _____

John 15:9-10

You _____ someone when you show _____ to them regardless of how
you _____ about them

The _____ which flows out of being _____ to Jesus _____ the
love that the _____ has for us

_____ **FRUIT RESULTS IN** _____

John 15:11-17

An infused _____ travels from the _____ to the _____ branches

If we are _____ to Jesus, the _____ of the _____ will flow

_____ and _____ us

_____ **TO KEEP** _____ **IN CHRIST**

When we abide in Christ, we _____ in His _____

When we abide in Christ, we _____ His _____

When we abide in Christ, we love _____

When we abide in Christ, we have _____ joy

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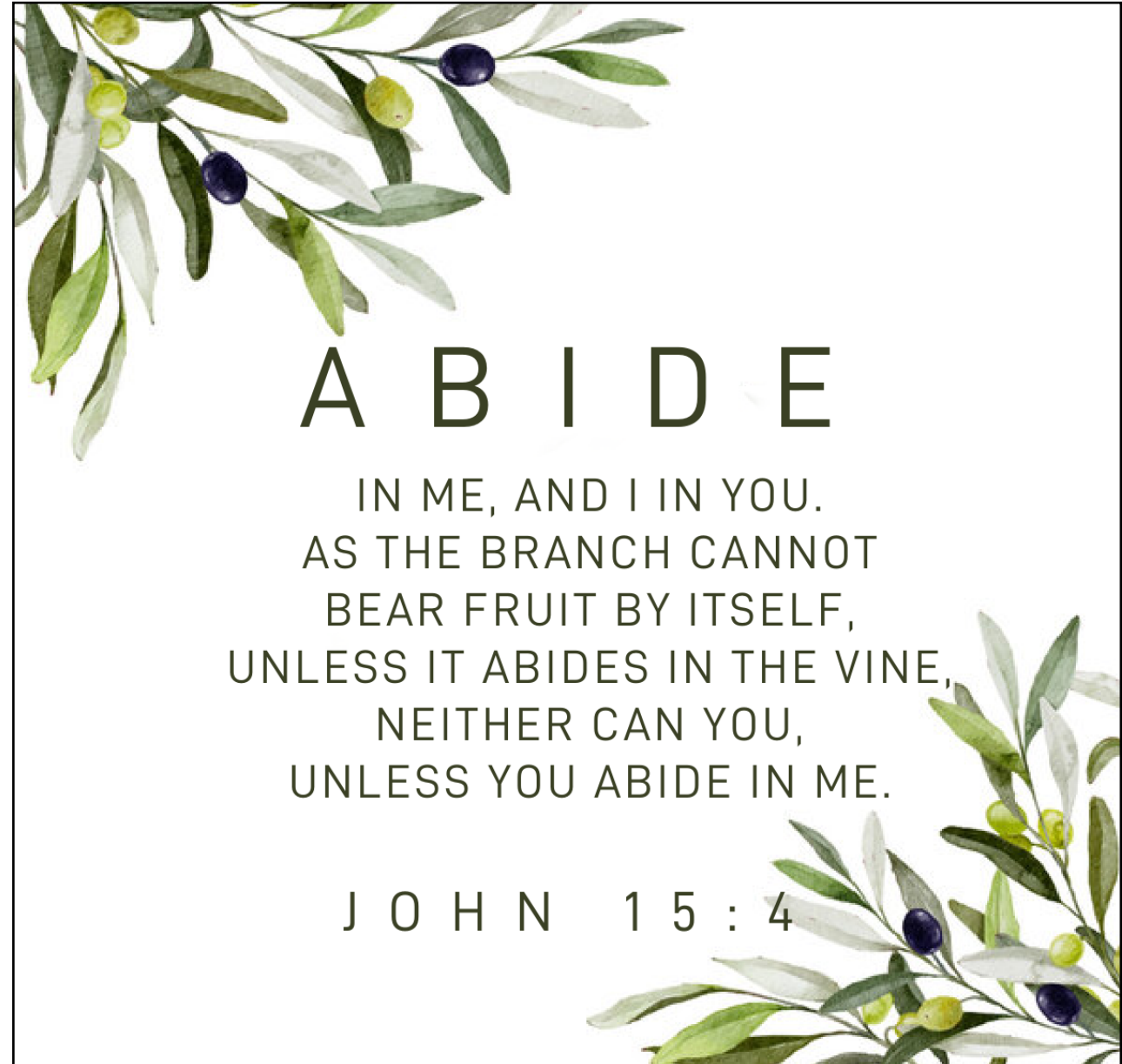
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I'LL CARRY YOU! "And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belong-ings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need." Acts 2:44-45. It was around the year 1140 when the city of Vinesburg came under attack. The whole city was about to be destroyed by King Conrad the Third, who was known at that time for his cruelty and vicious behavior toward any group that was in the way of what he wanted. In a desperate plea to save the lives of their people, the leaders of the city sent out ambassadors to honorably surrender before any blood could be spilled in battle.

However, the king wouldn't even listen to the ambassadors. He dismissed them. After hearing this, a few women of the city left to beg the king for mercy on behalf of the women and children within the city. After a great pause, he agreed to allow them to leave, but they could only take with them the items they could carry on their backs. Hours later, the women of Vinesburg left the city they loved and the homes they had built. They left carrying on their backs their most prized possessions: their husbands, fathers, brothers, and sons.

In the Bible, we can see that God calls His family to take care of one another during difficult times. We can see this clearly from the book of Acts 2:44-45; 4:34-35. These early believers shared with one another. They took care of one an-other. Just like in an immediate family, there is that tendency to take care of siblings and parents. Today, through the blood of Christ, we have been called to follow this example. We are called to look after one another's well-being and carry one another through the storms and trials of life. Have the attitude of Christ; make sure that when people look into your eyes, they know you have a love that says through it all, "I'll carry you!"

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS. A man once laid a piece of chocolate candy on a table. Then, picking up an ant, he put it near the delicious bonbon. He was surprised to see it take a single bite and then hurry off to inform the rest of the colony. Soon, the little creature returned, followed by a long train of other ants that enjoyed the treat with him.

As Christians who have tasted that the Lord is good, we can learn a lesson from that little insect! Having found the forgiveness of sins and His rich supply of grace, we ought to make it our responsibility to share it with others!

Our resolve should be just like the four men who were so hungry that they adventured into the enemy's camp in search of food. There had been a food shortage due to a famine in the land, and now their city was under siege by the enemy army. People in the city were starving to death every day. To their surprise, it is stated in II Kings 7:5, "Not a man was there." At first, when they entered the city, they stuffed themselves with food and drink. Verse 9 says, "Then they said to each other, 'We're not doing right. This is a day of good news, and we are keeping it to ourselves.'" As the story goes, they went immediately and shared the good news with others! You can only imagine how excited they were to share this good news with others! As a Christian, one of the most exciting spiritual adventures in life is helping another person find God. To experience the complete forgiveness of sins and the new birth through baptism into God's eternal family!

The Gospel of Christ is Good News that should not be confined to four walls on Sunday Morning! We need to share it with all our friends, neighbors, and family! God has called each one of us to be like the ant, inviting others to enjoy His eternal life.

– Russell Howard

Bible Hour and Junior Worship are offered at the 2nd service.

Sunday Morning Worship—8:30 & 11:00 AM

Bible Study—Sunday—9:45 AM—Wednesday—7:00 PM

Life Groups—Sunday—12:00 & 6:00 PM

FOR THE RECORD - September 14, 2025

BIBLE CLASS.....	51	WEDNESDAY.....	71
SUNDAY AM.....	209	CONTRIBUTION.....	\$6,732.85
LIFE GROUPS.....	65	BUDGET.....	\$7,250.00

WE REJOICE with the angels in heaven that Christian Sargent was baptized into Christ last Sunday. Christian is the husband of Kahlan Sargent.

CONNECTION MINISTRY—Connectors, if you have any questions about any upcoming meetings, please see an Elder.

FOOD GIVEAWAY TICKETS—Appointment tickets will be available to pick up tomorrow, from 10:00 AM to Noon, Tuesday, from 5:00 to 7:00 PM, and Wednesday, from 5:00 to 7:00 PM.

WOMEN OF PURPOSE—The Women of Purpose will meet at Applebee’s this Wednesday, at 11:30 AM. Contact Terry Fawley for details.

MEN’S BIBLE STUDY—This Thursday, all men are invited to a Bible Study at Panera Bread @ 7:30 AM.

FOOD GIVEAWAY VOLUNTEERS—Help unload and set up the food this Friday, at 11:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall. **NOTE THE DATE CHANGE.**

FOOD GIVEAWAY—The Food Giveaway will take place this Saturday. Volunteers need to arrive by 7:30 AM.

CLOTHING GIVEAWAY—The Clothing House will be open this Saturday, from 8:00—11:00 AM.

INVITATION LEADERS—Men or boys who are willing to give a 5 min. invitation talk on a Wednesday night in October—December, are asked to please sign up in the foyer.

TEEN RETREAT—The 56th Annual Teen Retreat will be held October 10—12, at NWOCYC. This year’s theme will be “Pray Station”. Our guest speaker will be Jacob Glaspell from the Xenia Church of Christ. Cost is \$30. Sign up in the foyer!

AMAZING GRAYS—The senior group will meet on Tuesday, October 14, at Carlyle’s Restaurant at **11:00 AM.**

FALL FESTIVAL—Our annual Fall Festival has been set for Sunday, October 19 at the Picnic Shelter (weather permitting). Games and hot dogs will be from 3:30—4:25 PM, with Trunk-or-Treat from 4:30—5:00 PM. Please see Ryan or Misty Hoggatt for more information.

BROTHERS, SISTERS, FRIENDS AND FAMILY, We want to thank you for your outpouring of love during our time of need. Carolyn—wife, mom & friend, touched many lives through her giving and Christian nature. It was evident at the Celebration of Life. Please keep us (John, Jim & Martha) in your thoughts knowing that we appreciate all you have done.

John Heimlich, Jimmy Flickinger, Martha Foster

ATTENTION: Please **do not** take any of the food from the pallets in the Fellowship Hall. These items are for Saturday’s Food Giveaway.

Pick up a Power for Today in the Foyer!