

Series: Living Under God Covenant with Gladness
Abide in Christ

Heavenly Father,

Thank you for the opportunity for another day on earth.

Thank you for your wisdom and growing out hearts as a mustard seed to heaven.

Thank you for what you have given us during your blessings and breakthrough

Guide this flock to use this message as part of their life to continue to grow in Christ.

Guide this flock and family to let them call on you for answers in their life and listen to your authority not the sinful world and idolatry.

Guide us to love one another and pray for enemies daily that want to destroy us and our salvation for God.

Thank you for healing the sick

Thank you for guiding my heart and letting me serve you as a branch that will continue to grow as fruit

I ask you to saved our youth and children to help them become fruitful to God

I ask you to save unbelievers to help them become fruitful to God and let them seek God so their hearts can grow as a mustard seed to heaven.

In Jesus name, Amen.

John 15:4-17 (NLT)

"Remain in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me. Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me is thrown away like a useless branch and withers. Such branches are gathered into a pile to be burned. But if you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask for anything you want, and it would be granted! When you produce much fruit, you are my disciples. This brings great glory to the Father. I have loved you as your Father loved me. Remain in my love. When you obey my commandments, you remain in my love, just as I obey my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I told you these things so that you will be filled with my joy. Yes, your joy will overflow! This is my commandment: Love each other in the same way I have loved you. There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you slaves, because a master doesn't confide in his slaves. Now you are my friends, since I told you everything the Father told me. You didn't choose me. I chose you. I appointed you to go and produce lasting fruit, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask for, using my name. This is my command: Love each other.

Turn to the person next to you and say abide in Christ. When you read John 14:4-17, Jesus is speaking to Judas when he explains we love him and as we love each other. Jesus is speaking in the text telling his followers to love one another. When I think about this text, I think about people that hate and envy people that are spiritual and serve God do not abide in him. Those people that are envious of God followers will rather be conformed to the world and get what they want from the world. I want to explain a true story about case managers at homeless shelters in the Bronx. The NYPD officers actually said word to mouth that shelters in the Bronx are bad. I agree because homeless people say according to sources that homeless shelters in the Bronx are not spiritual and do not let clients that are spiritual to follow their own path. That's why I want to say to those case managers in the Bronx at homeless shelters that you need to stop thinking you know everything and stop determining the needs of clients. If case managers at homeless

shelters in the Bronx are really spiritual to let clients direct and follow their own path by letting them seek and call on God for their needs. When I read and think about John 15:4, I think about me being fruitful to God because I remain in him. I say the best case manager that I had to guide me is Mr. Gray from Star of Hope Mission in Houston since times I spent at homeless shelters in the past. That is 100% fact. I say they are the best case manager because Case managers at Star of Hope Mission in Houston are spiritual and are pastors of churches. It means I like Star of Hope Mission in Houston because it is a spiritual environment and christ-centered homeless shelter. That is 100% fact and being 100% on that homeless shelters like Star of Hope Mission in Houston was better shelter for me while I was in the Spiritual Recovery Program. When I was in the Spiritual Recovery Program at Star of Hope Mission in Houston, I had things to work on to improve my spiritually and got it from the spiritual guidance from case managers last year. I am saying the spiritual guidance from Star of Hope Mission in Houston helped me because my fruitful as a follower of Christ Jesus. I will not let no one in the present time take that spiritual guidance away from me.

When we read John 15:4, we need to remain in God in our life today and not lose our faith in God. According to recent polling in this nation, more people in this nation are becoming less religious. People in this nation need to stop listening to these politicians and media. All politicians and media do is cause people to become less religious. We need to censor our children on what they do because children are getting hooked on these violent and sinful movies, TV shows and rap music. Children need to go to church, Sunday school and bible study every week to seek and remain in God as the rock of their salvation. Children need to stop treating the world and sin in the world as the rock of their salvation because the sinful world will lead people down the path of unrighteousness. I will continue to say how it is important to let our hearts grow as a mustard seed to heaven. When I read and think about John 15:5, I think about how God appointed and chose me out of all my family members while I was living in Chicago.

What the scripture John 15:6 is saying is that people that do not abide in Christ Jesus in their life are thrown away and burned. If you continue to sin and live in sin in your life, God will continue to throw you away like a useless branch. Picture a tree in a garden. Picture Christ Jesus being that tree with the branches and you are the branches on the tree. Picture yourself being that branch on the tree connected to God. When that branch continues to grow with the fruit, it means your faith is growing in Christ Jesus and heaven. Turn to the person next to you and say grow your faith in Christ. I see and believe I am a branch for those three in that garden that is connected to God because I continue to abide in him daily and obey his commandments. Turn to the other person on the other side of you and say do not be burned.

Read John 15:7

Jesus is saying people that remain in him and God can ask for anything from above. People that abide in God do not have to be dependent on the world for their needs. All christians and disciples have to do is depend on God by asking God for what they want in prayer daily. Say do not be conformed and dependent on the world. I want to tell another truthful story about myself to say I do not listen to any case manager during times I was dealing with homelessness at homeless shelters. That is 100% fact. I only listen to case managers that are spiritual like case managers at the Star of Hope Mission in Houston because my case manager was a pastor and spiritual. Other case managers and instructors at Star of Hope

Mission in Houston are pastors of their own churches and spirituality. I do that because case managers that are not really spiritual at homeless shelters like to think they know everything about people's needs in their life to get their life back on their feet. That's why my legal team is starting an investigation for homeless shelters in the Bronx and elsewhere in this nation. Say to the person next to you: do not let no one hold you back for serving God. Jesus is speaking to Judas in John 15:7. When I am a cheerful giver to God based on my past personal tax returns that help the poor and homelessness, everything and blessings from God using comes back to me because I give to the poor and homelessness for spiritual reasons.

John 15:8 is talking about what I have been saying in previous sermons about doing what Jesus did when he recruited his twelve disciples for his inner circle. I say to you and this congregation is to build your own inner circle of your twelve disciples on earth. I said in those sermons is to encourage your disciples to go out to increase discipleship in the world for God like it says in John 15:8 to produce more fruit. One thing to do is obey God's commandments to abide in God's Kingdom and Christ Jesus. When you obey God's commandments you love the Lord as the rock of your salvation forever. When you obey God's commandments in your life is the important step Christians and disciples are doing to loving one another and praying for your enemies.

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