



*Abiding*  
IN THE VINE

## John 15:1-8

- <sup>1</sup> I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman.
- <sup>2</sup> Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.
- <sup>3</sup> Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.

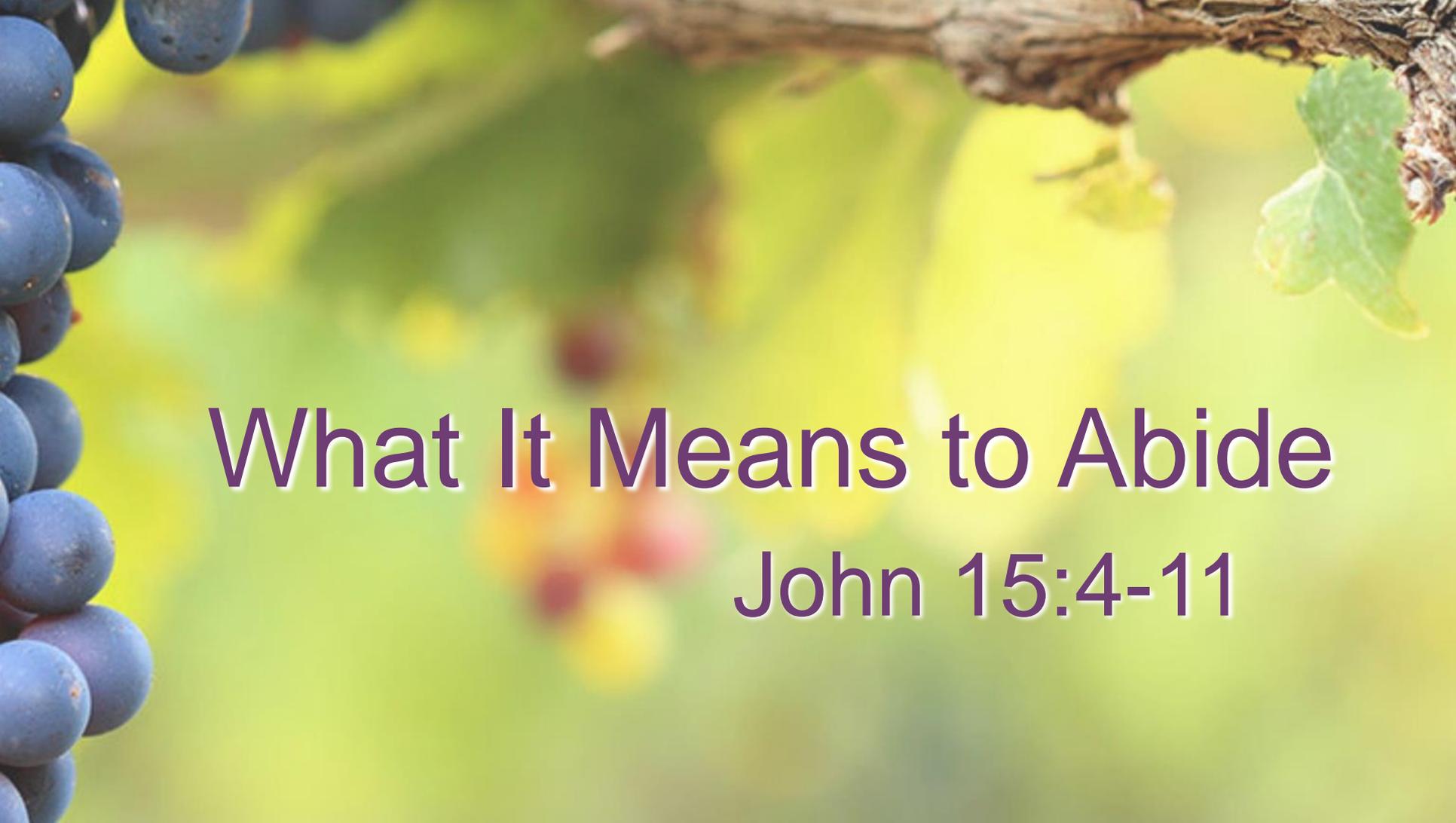
- 4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.
- 5 I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

<sup>6</sup> If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.

<sup>7</sup> If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

<sup>8</sup> Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.

- <sup>9</sup> As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love.
- <sup>10</sup> If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.
- <sup>11</sup> These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.



# What It Means to Abide

John 15:4-11

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1. Connection → mutual indwelling
2. Dependence → enabling
3. Continuance → residing

## John 1:38-39

“... They said unto him, Rabbi, ... where dwellest thou? 39 He saith unto them, Come and see. They came and saw where he dwelt, and abode with him that day: for it was about the tenth hour.”

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Fruitful disciples who are abiding in Jesus ...

A. Cherish the words of Jesus.

## John 8:31-32

“Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; 32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”

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B. Relish the love of Jesus.

## Eph. 3:17-19

“That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, 18 May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; 19 And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.”

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- C. Obey the commands of Jesus.
- D. Look for joy in Jesus.

Heb. 12:2

“Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.”

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