BESIEVEN JESUS THE KING

Our Lenten Series

How do I overcome the darkness and trouble in my life that I feel powerless against?

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In the beginning, God created . . . The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.

In Jesus, The Holy Spirit comes back into the dark & chaos of this world to create light & life again

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"Meno" = to stay, remain, abide, make at home

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It is **the Spirit** who gives life; the flesh is no help at all. (6:63)

"If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. ³⁸ Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.' " ³⁹ Now this he said about **the Spirit**, (7:37-39)

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"I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man abides in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."

- John 15:5



Meno is used 10x in 11 verses

"abide in me, and I in you" - John 15:4

"Meno"

- "Remain, stay, dwell"
- "Make your home in"
- "Put your roots down deep in me"

"As the true vine, Jesus is the "stem" of the plant, the part that is **rooted** into the ground. The vine is the part of the plant that transfers nutrients to the branches so it can have & produce life."

- Writer Vera Christian



As the true vine, Jesus is the "source" of true life.

He is the One that is rooted in eternal life as God.

He transfers The Holy Spirit to your life so it can have and produce life.



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Whatever strength you have, use it to abide in Jesus and let the Holy Spirit produce the life you need.

#AbideBeforeYouTry

In the middle of your trouble, <mark>abide</mark> in Jesus <u>before you try</u> to respond

- -Slow down
- -Make Space
- Feed The Seed
- Get Some Help



"The number one problem you will face in growing closer to Jesus is time, most people are just too busy to live emotionally healthy and spiritually vibrant lives.... Our souls were not created for the kind of speed to which we have grown accustomed."

- Practicing The Way, John Mark Comer

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"Every 'yes' is a thousand 'no's! To say yes to Jesus you have to say no to countless other invitations.... [How can we abide in Jesus unless we] cancel a few digital subscriptions, kindly bow out of a few obligations, watch less tv, go to bed earlier (to get up to pray), and make space in our day to pause, breathe, abide."

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#Abide Before You Try

Slow Down: Sabbath. Solitude.

Make Space: Prayer. Fasting. Generosity.

Feed The Seed: Scripture. Obedience.

Get Some Help: Community. Serving.

Start Abiding. Start Small. One Step.