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The Abiding Life

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Today's Scripture: John 15:4-5

Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. ⁵ "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.

Psalm 91:1-2

He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. ²I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress; My God, in Him I will trust."

THE ABIDING LIFE IS A PERSONAL EXPERIENCE

- It is in "the secret place"
- Christ calls us to a place where there is only room for two

THE ABIDING LIFE IS A COVERING EXPERIENCE

- We abide "under the shadow"
- It means nothing touches our lives without going through His permissive hands

THE ABIDING LIFE GIVES US STRENGTH TO OVERCOME

- He is our "fortress"
- Abiding in Christ makes us people of confident hope

"Because he has set his love upon Me, therefore I will deliver him; I will set him on high, because He has known My name. He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him and honor him." *Psalm 91:14-15*