



## MAKING OUR HOME IN JESUS

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John 15:7 RSV

"Abide in me," Jesus said to his disciples. He says the same to us.

There's something beautiful in the word "abide." It's related to the word abode, or home. To me abiding in Jesus is to find our home in his presence, in his love and his security, in his care and safety. Home is for most a place close to family, close to God. It's a warm place.

In John 15:4 (RSV) Jesus says, *“Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me.”*

Are you going through some tough times? At times like this—more than ever—Jesus is calling you to abide in him. To stay and make your home in him. For the sake of your *spiritual* well-being, it’s at such a time that you need to draw *close* to the comfort and safety Jesus offers.

Jesus tells us that you can *“ask whatever you will, and it shall be done for you.”* Does that sound too good to be true? But don’t forget the little word *“if.”* He said *“If you abide in me, and my words abide in you...”*

If you abide in Jesus by spending time with him, reading your Bible, talking to him, and praying. If you do this you will know what’s in line with his will for you. You will know what to ask for. You will know what prayers God might want to answer.

When Jesus called us he said, *“Come to me.”* (Matthew 11:28) Today, as we continue with him, he tells us to *“abide in me.”* How welcoming it is to hear this invitation—this invitation to stay close and draw life from him, as a branch draws life from the vine.

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