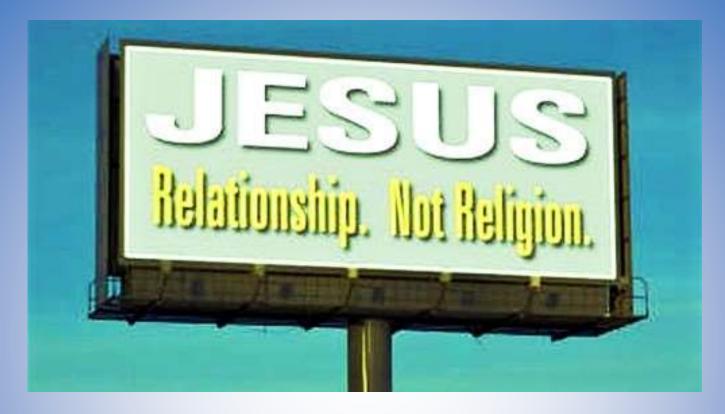
# Belonging to Him



# Life Is Relationship

The best way to embrace and share the gospel is to understand that personal relationship is the deepest need of the human heart, and that God meets that need when we belong to him.

# Belonging to Him (Part 2)

# **Encountering Jesus**

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# Practical Lessons in Divine Intimacy

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# **Belonging to Him... Belonging to Others**

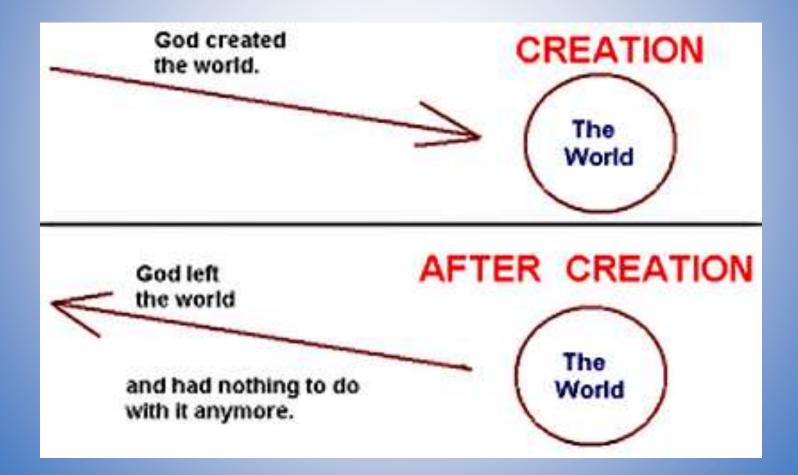
# Abiding IN Christ

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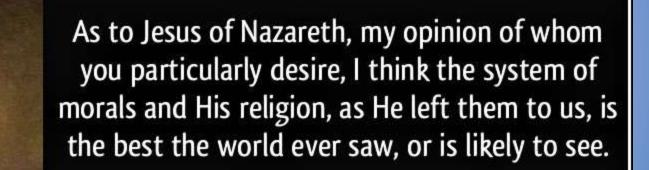
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"That...which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands...we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us. And indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ." (1 John 1:1-3)

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(Benjamin Franklin)

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## **Qualities of a Healthy, Personal Relationship**

- Presence
- Communication
- Honesty
- Trust

# **Qualities of a Healthy, Personal Relationship**

- Affirmation
- Affection
- Respect
- Acceptance

## **Qualities of a Healthy, Personal Relationship**

- Patience
- Grace
- Enjoyment
- Commitment

#### **Am I Abiding in Jesus?**

"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. I am the vine. You are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing." (John 15:4-5)

#### **Am I Abiding in Jesus?**

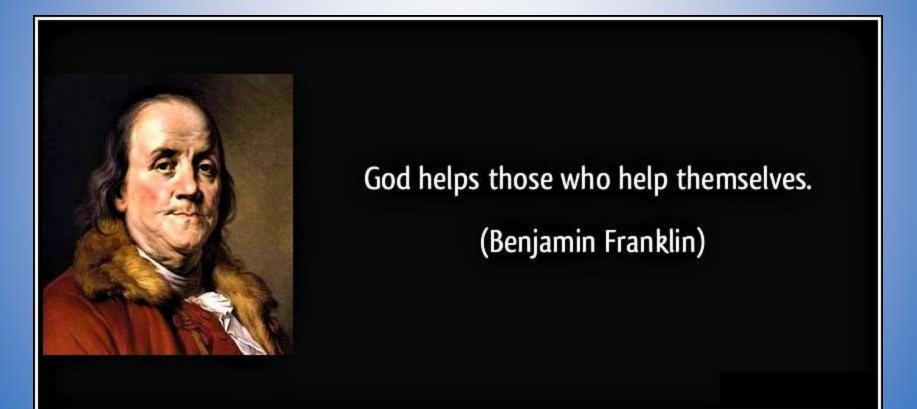
To 'abide" means: to dwell, to live, to stay, to remain.

*"My dwelling place shall be with them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people." (Ezekiel 37:27)* 

#### **Am I Abiding in Jesus?**



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*"Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit." (John 15:2)* 

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#### **Qualities of Personal Relationship with Christ**



#### Affection

"As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love." (John 15:9-10)

#### **Qualities of Personal Relationship with Christ**



#### Fulfillment

"If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you." (John 15:7)

#### **Qualities of Personal Relationship with Christ**



#### Joy

"These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full." (John 15:11) "O God, you are my God. Earnestly I seek you. My soul thirsts for you. My flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water." (Psalm 63:1-8) "So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory. Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you." (Psalm 63:1-8) "So I will bless you as long as I live. In your name I will lift up my hands. My soul will be satisfied as with fat and rich food..." (Psalm 63:1-8) "And my mouth will praise you with joyful lips when I remember you upon my bed, and meditate on you in the watches of the night" (Psalm 63:1-8) "For you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I will sing for joy. My soul clings to you. Your right hand upholds me." (Psalm 63:1-8)

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