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Week 5 – Abiding in Christ

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Aim for Authenticity

- We cannot “fake” our walk with God.
- We will not try to pretend to be anyone else to try to please others.
- We will be honest about our failures so we can celebrate our victories.
- We would rather always be real than always be right.

My dear children, I am writing this to you so that you will not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate who pleads our case before the Father. He is Jesus Christ, the one who is truly righteous.
(1 John 2:1, New Living Translation)

And now, dear children, remain in fellowship with Christ so that when he returns, you will be full of courage and not shrink back from him in shame. (1 John 2:28, NLT)

Anyone who continues to live in him will not sin. But anyone who keeps on sinning does not know him or understand who he is. (1 John 3:6, NLT)

Those who have been born into God's family do not make a practice of sinning, because God's life is in them. So they can't keep on sinning, because they are children of God.
(1 John 3:9, NLT)

How Can I Experience Lasting Change?

Remain in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me.
(John 15:4, NLT)

1.) Focus on surrendering rather than doing.

Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing.
(John 15:5 New International Version)

Now all glory to God, who is able to keep you from falling away and will bring you with great joy into his glorious presence without a single fault.
(Jude 1: 24-25, NLT)

2.) Fill your heart with God's Word—it will transform you.

If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask for anything you want, and it will be granted!
(John 15:7, NLT)

Take every thought captive to obey Christ.
(2 Corinthians 10:5, English Standard Version)

Let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think.
(Romans 12:2, NLT)

From the ends of the earth, I cry to you for help when my heart is overwhelmed. Lead me to the towering rock of safety. (Psalm 61:2, NLT)

I have loved you even as the Father has loved me. Remain in my love. When you obey my commandments, you remain in my love, just as I obey my Father's commandments and remain in his love.
(John 15:9–10, NLT)

3.) Obey the Holy Spirit's Commands

Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her.
(Ephesians 5:25, ESV)

I have told you these things so that you will be filled with my joy. Yes, your joy will overflow!
(John 15:11, NLT)

Final thought:
What is one thing the Holy Spirit is telling you to do today?