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GO DEEPER WITH GOD

Matthew 15:15

John 15:5 (NASB)

⁵ I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.

- *Abide: to stay, remain constant or even wait expectantly.*
- He is the source. We get our life from Him
- Without Him we produce nothing.

- **Potter/Clay**-*Do you believe I'm good? Will you obey me?*
- **Sheep/Shepherd**-*Do you trust me? Will you follow me?*
- **Master/Servant**-*Will you serve me?*
- **Father/Child**-*Will you let me heal you? Will you let speak identity to you?*
- **Friend/friend**-*Do you know me? Will you join me?*
- **Lover/Beloved (Bride/Groom)**-*Do you love me?*

Psalm 13 (NIV)

¹ How long, Lord? Will you forget me forever?

How long will you hide your face from me?

² How long must I wrestle with my thoughts
and day after day have sorrow in my heart?

How long will my enemy triumph over me?

³ Look on me and answer, Lord my God.

Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep in death,

⁴ and my enemy will say, "I have overcome him,"
and my foes will rejoice when I fall.

Psalm 13 (NIV)

⁵ But I trust in your unfailing love;
my heart rejoices in your salvation.

⁶ I will sing the Lord's praise,
for he has been good to me.

John 15:7 (NASB)

⁷ If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

- **Stop and Breathe**
 - Be still and know that I'm God.
 - *"ceasing of striving"*

- **Recognize that nothing, absolutely nothing that really matters or that is really worth doing – can be done by you in your own strength**
- *“I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me, and I in him, He bears much fruit; for apart from Me you can do nothing.” (John 15:5)*
- Unless God has directed it, initiated it, unless He is the power behind it, all that I’m doing will not matter.

- **Breathe again**
 - Rest in Him, Ask God where to go next.
- **Listen and center yourself on God's heart and will for the moment and situation**
 - *"Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the spirit"* (Gal. 5:26)
 - Ask the Lord for wisdom to discern His will

- **Recognize, you can lose nothing – while abiding in God – That He has not already ordained for you to lose**
 - *“For to live is Christ and to die is gain.”*
(Phil. 1:21-22)
 - *“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God”* (Phil 4:6)
 - Release Fear and Worry

- **Enjoy the fact that you find yourself in such good hands**
- *“Because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, ‘Abba, Father’. So you are no longer a slave, but a son; and since you are a son, God has made you also an Heir” (Gal. 4:6-7)*

- Do not ask, “What should I do?” but rather ask, “How does what I want to do or am tempted to do somehow keep me safe, please people, worship approval, or merely tell somewhat what they want to hear?”
 - *“You shall have no other gods before me.”*
(Exodus 20:3)
 - Ask yourself, “What are my motivations?”

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- 2. Recognize that nothing, absolutely nothing that really matters or that is really worth doing – can be done by you in your own strength – (John 15:5)**
- 3. Breathe again**
- 4. Listen and center yourself on God's heart and will for the moment and situation – (Gal. 5:26)**
- 5. Recognize, you can lose nothing – while abiding in God – That He has not already ordained for you to lose – (Phil. 1:21-22, 4:6)**
- 6. Enjoy the fact that you find yourself in such good hands – (Gal. 4:6-7)**
- 7. Do not ask, "What should I do?" but rather ask, "How does what I want to do or am tempted to do somehow keep me safe, please people, worship approval, or merely tell somewhat what they want to hear?" – (Ex. 20:3)**
- 8. Recognize that by doing that, you are striving and not abiding.**
- 9. Trust that whatever I may move you to do or not to do is the wisest and safest plan for your life.**
- 10. If I do not speak, do nothing. Abide**