

The Connection

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“Get Moving!”

“Abide in Me...” John 15:4

We have just celebrated Pentecost Sunday where we acknowledge the coming of the Holy Spirit 50 days after Jesus’ resurrection. But, we should acknowledge the indwelling of the Holy Spirit in us constantly. He abides in me and I abide in Him. I was reading Oswald Chambers and his reminder to me was to get moving; a reminder that I have a part in this relationship, this connection, this fellowship with Jesus. Here is what Chambers had to say:

“In the matter of determination. The Spirit of Jesus is put into me by way of the atonement by the Cross of Christ. I then have to build my thinking patiently to bring it into perfect harmony with my Lord. God will not make me think like Jesus— I have to do it myself. I have to bring “every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ” (2 Corinthians 10:5). “Abide in Me”— in intellectual matters, in money matters, in every one of the matters that make human life what it is. Our lives are not made up of only one neatly confined area.

“Am I preventing God from doing things in my circumstances by saying that it will only serve to hinder my fellowship with Him? How irrelevant and disrespectful that is! It does not matter what my circumstances are. I can be as much assured of abiding in Jesus in any one of them as I am in any prayer meeting. It is unnecessary to change and arrange my circumstances myself. Our Lord’s inner abiding was pure and unblemished. He was at home with God wherever His body was. He never chose His own circumstances, but was meek, submitting to His Father’s plans and directions for Him. Just think of how amazingly relaxed our Lord’s life was! But we tend to keep God at a fever pitch in our lives. We have none of the serenity of the life which is “hidden with Christ in God” (Colossians 3:3).

“Think of the things that take you out of the position of abiding in Christ. You say, ‘Yes, Lord, just a minute— I still have this to do. Yes, I will abide as soon as this is finished, or as soon as this week is over. It will be all right, Lord. I will abide then.’ Get moving— begin to abide now. In the initial stages it will be a continual effort to abide, but as you continue, it will become so much a part of your life that you

will abide in Him without any conscious effort. Make the determination to abide in Jesus wherever you are now or wherever you may be placed in the future.”

(My Utmost for His Highest © 1992 by Oswald Chambers Publications Association, Ltd. Original edition © 1935 by Dodd, Mead & Company, Inc.)

I know that I hold back at times. I cling to the things before me instead of My Lord above me. My vertical connection sometimes is hindered by my horizontal focus on things in front of me. And I have to acknowledge that that is my fault. The Holy Spirit is still in me. Jesus is still my Lord interceding on my behalf to the Father. But I’m not moving. I need to continually tap into the power available through the abiding Spirit in me. All the circumstances before me need to be vetted by my constant connection with Him.

Vance Havner wrote, “Red-letter days and lofty experiences tend to fade. Resolutions, though penned in blood, soon lose their original drive. Spiritual stimulants, like shots in the arm, may serve a purpose, but living by shots in the arm, whether physically or spiritually, is abnormal. The trolley car does not run all day on one big push of power at the start. Its slender arm reaches up and keeps constant contact with the current.” *(Vance Havner, Day by Day (Old Tappan, NJ: Revell, 1953). 159-160.)*

Folks, we need to be constantly connected to the “current,” the power supplied by the Holy Spirit. This is our responsibility. God is not going to force us. It is His desire for us to stay connected to the power He supplies in ALL circumstances, adventures, trials, relationship, etc.

What a great verse from the Apostle John. What great words spoken by Jesus. “Abide in Me...” I don’t know about you, but I need to get moving towards a constant “abiding” with Jesus. Not just some days or in some circumstances, but in all things and in all ways. What do you say? Want to “Get Moving!”

Blessings friends,
Pastor Marty - HOPE Church Raleigh
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HOPE Calendar

Wednesday, June 15

Wednesday Night Devotion & Prayer
@ 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, June 16

Worship Team Practice @ 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 19

Father's Day

Worship Team Practice @ 8:15 a.m.
Worship @ 9:30 a.m.
Fellowship Time @ 10:50 a.m.
Sunday school @ 11:10 a.m.

Monday, June 20

NO Staff Meeting

Tuesday, June 21

Men of HOPE @ 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, June 22

NO Wednesday Night Devotion &
Prayer tonight

Helping Hands Ministries

Fellowship Food - June 19

Church Will Provide

Soundboard - June 19

Sherif Mikhael

Communion Steward - June

Sandra Pierce

Greeter - June 19

Volunteer Needed

Volunteer for the Nursery - June 19

Terry Duffell

This Sunday
Scripture Text and Sermon

Romans 11:25 - 36
"Our Great and Glorious God"



Outreach Ministries

"Food of the Month"

for the Raleigh Dream Center Food Pantry
Pull Top Canned Vegetables
We have a collection bin in the foyer

Meal Ministry

Take a meal from the freezer if needed for you or someone else.

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board to help prepare meals for others.
See Christina Johnston with questions.

The Computer Lab

Simple Technology Assistant HELP Wanted

Please go to our website and read the information on serving in The Saturday Computer Lab. There is a form there to fill out if interested. We need 6 to 8 volunteers when we resume in September to fulfill this outreach ministry of HOPE Church Raleigh

Spiritual Growth Ministries

Sunday School

This Sunday for all ages

Wednesday Night Devotion & Prayer Tonight @ 7 PM

In person or by Zoom

WOMEN of HOPE

Saturday, June 25th
@ 1:00 p.m.

MEN of HOPE

Tuesday, June 21st at 7 p.m.
A ZOOM link for the meeting will be sent out beforehand.
Join us!

Quote of the Week

"You contribute nothing to your salvation except the sin that made it necessary."

Jonathan Edwards

Prayer Requests:

Covid -19, Lori Estelle, Mark Drylie, Rohweder Family (Friend of Rich and Diane Williams), Chandi Haswell & family, Ken Guy (Lynn Joyner's brother-in-law), Revill & Mary Lane Mallory, Evelyn Doby, Jamie Baldwin, Donna Williams, Diane Williams, Renee Logan, Loretta (Sandi Underwood's daughter), Joan Summers, Jordan & Cinnamon (son and daughter of Lynn Joyner's family members), Tommy Lanphere (Lynn Joyner's brother), Becky Hale's mom in Wyoming, Gene & Becky Hale, The Baker family, Dave & Dot Geil, Joy Forrest's daughter Haley, Carlyle and Cynthia Franklin (Sandra Pierce's dad and stepmom), Brian Adam's dad, our Military, our Missionaries, our Nation, and the world. If you have those you would like added to our prayer concerns, please email me those names.



Vacation Bible School 2022

Kingdom Chronicles
Standing Strong in the
Battle for Truth

Dates:

July 5 - 9

Tuesday - Thursday
7:00 p.m. to 8:45 p.m.

Friday Night cookout @ 6 p.m.

VBS Assembly @ 6:45 p.m.

Saturday Assembly @ 10:00 a.m.

(Adult Class offered too)

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Daily Devotions

For This Coming Week

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