

Key thought: In order to cultivate intimacy with Jesus, you must live in obedience to God's Word and will.

I. There is a connection between abiding and obedience. (v. 9-10)

Abide – “to remain, stay, make oneself at home”

“if you keep” – guard, watch over

II. Obedience is always rooted in God's Word. (v. 10)

III. Obedience that leads to intimacy is modeled by Jesus. (v. 10)

IV. Jesus wants you to be filled and overflowing with His joy! (v. 11)

A prayer:

Obey and abide. Gracious Lord! teach me this lesson, that it is only through knowing your will one can know your heart, and only through doing that will one can abide in your love. Lord! teach me that as worthless as is the doing in my own strength, so essential and absolutely indispensable is the doing of faith in your strength, if I would abide in your love.

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