

Space for God Abide in Me

PREPARATION

Whom have I in heaven but you?

I desire you more than anything on earth.

**My health may fail, and my spirit may grow weak,
but God remains the strength of my heart;
he is mine forever.** Psalm 73:25-26

CONFESSION

Anyone who wanders away from this teaching has no relationship with God.

But anyone who remains in the teaching of Christ has a relationship with both the Father and the Son. 2 John 1:9

WORSHIP

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High
will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

**I will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress,
my God, in whom I trust."** Psalm 91:1-2

MEDITATION & CONTEMPLATION—John 15:1-8*

"I am the true grapevine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch of mine that doesn't produce fruit, and he prunes the branches that do bear fruit so they will produce even more. You have already been pruned and purified by the message I have given you. 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.

"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. Anyone who does not remain in me is thrown away like a useless branch and withers. Such branches are gathered into a pile to be burned. But if you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask for anything you want, and it will be granted! When you produce much fruit, you are my true disciples. This brings great glory to my Father.

IN SOLITUDE AND/OR COMMUNITY

Read	Slowly, several times.
Reflect	What does the text say?
Respond	How does it relate to my life?
Rest	I welcome God's healing and renewal.

ANCHORING PRAYER

LORD, I am connected to You.

REVIEW OF THE HEART

Where do I see evidence of spiritual fruit in my life?

What part of my life feels dry and withered?

WISDOM

But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Galatians 5:22-23a

Yes, but remember—those branches were broken off because they didn't believe in Christ, and you are there because you do believe. So don't think highly of yourself, but fear what could happen. Romans 11:20

"Abide in Jesus, the sinless One - which means, give up all of self and its life, and dwell in God's will and rest in His strength. This is what brings the power that does not commit sin." —Andrew Murray

TESTIMONY *What is God saying to me?*

INTERCESSION *Prayers for the Church, for others, and for me.*

BENEDICTION

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.

May we always be filled with the fruit of our salvation—the righteous character produced in our lives by Jesus Christ—for this will bring much glory and praise to You O God. Amen.

1 John 2:28, Philippians 1:11 (adapted)

SPACE FOR GOD DAILY

Be still and quiet before God.

Seek the Holy Spirit's filling and

Speak and act from a listening heart.

Actively serve in community with others.