Sermon Notes – 08.28.2022

Last Week, Avik Brought a Message that Called Us all To Surrender to Christ

It's Scary to Surrender – What Comes Next?

God Calls Us to Loving Surrender – God Loves Us and Calls Us – We Surrender

- Why? Because He Is God & Loves Us, We Love Him & Others

1 John 4:19 **We love, because He first loved us**.

Properly Understood, Any Ability That We Have to Love God or Others Came About Because God's Excellent Character was Revealed to Us – The Right Response is to Surrender

So - What Comes Next?

Abiding – It's a New Place to Find Life and To Live

1 John 4:16 **We have come to know and have believed the love which God has for us**. God is love, and **the one who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him**.

John 14:23 Jesus answered and said to him, "**If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word**; and My Father will love him, and **We will come to him and make Our abode with him**.

1 John 4:9 By this the love of God was manifested in us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world **so that we might live through Him.**

Good Definition of "Abiding"

Psalms 9:7 "But **the LORD abides forever**…"
Psalms 91:1 **He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High Will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.**

"properly to *sit* down; …by implication to *dwell*, to *remain*; …to *settle*, to *marry:*

John 15:4-11 "**Abide in Me, and I in you**. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither *can* you unless you abide in Me. 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**. 6 "If anyone does not abide in Me, he is thrown away as a branch and dries up; and they gather them, and cast them into the fire and they are burned. 7 "**If you abide in Me**, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. 8 "My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit, and *so* prove to be My disciples. 9 "Just as the Father has loved Me, I have also loved you; abide in My love. 10 "**If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love**; just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love. 11 "**These things I have spoken to you so that My joy may be in you, and *that* your joy may be made full.**

"stay, remain, do not depart"

Ephesians 4 – The Ministry that Happens Here is to Cause Us to Grow Up in Christ
When We Are Immersed in Jesus Christ – Abiding in Him, connected to Him, spending Time with Him- It Changes Us – We Really Need to Do This – So that What Our Lives Produce is Him – His Life

What Are You Receiving from the Vine –

> **The branch cannot bear fruit of itself / apart from Me you can do nothing.**

We Are Tempted – Don't Lose the Things You Have Heard from the Beginning

1 John 2:24-25 As for you**, let that abide in you which you heard from the beginning. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, you also will abide in the Son and in the Father**. 25 This is the promise which He Himself made to us: eternal life.

Philippians 4:9 **The things you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, practice these things,** and the God of peace will be with you.

Word, Prayer, Worship, & Fellowship

The Word – Merely Reading or Really Receiving (Implanting / Engrafting)

James 1:19-21 *This* you know, my beloved brethren. But everyone must be quick to hear, slow to speak *and* slow to anger; 20 for the anger of man does not achieve the righteousness of God. 21 Therefore, putting aside all filthiness and *all* that remains of wickedness**, in humility receive the word implanted, which is able to save your souls.**

Prayer – Seeking God with a Devoted Heart

Colossians 4:2 **Devote** yourselves to prayer, **keeping alert** in it with *an attitude of* **thanksgiving;**

Worship – There is a Warm Mystery in Worship – Beware of Becoming Detached

John 4:23 "But an hour is coming, and now is, when **the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers**.

Matthew 15:8 'THIS PEOPLE HONORS ME WITH THEIR LIPS, BUT THEIR HEART IS FAR AWAY FROM ME.

> **Isaiah 29:13 "…**they remove their hearts far from Me, And their reverence for Me consists of tradition learned *by rote,*

Fellowship – Love and Encouragement as We Live Life in Partnership

Philemon 1:4-7 I thank my God always, making mention of you in my prayers, 5 because I hear of your love and of the faith which you have toward the Lord Jesus and toward all the saints; 6 ***and I pray*** **that the fellowship of your faith may become effective through the knowledge of every good thing which is in you for Christ's sake**. 7 For I have come to have much joy and comfort in your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, brother.

So, Abide in Him and Bear Fruit that Endures in the Lives of Others