

# JESUS FOLLOWER

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## ABIDE: YOU ARE MY BELOVED

Mark 1:9–11 | John 15:9

ABIDE = Stay. Remain. Dwell. Make Your Home. God invites us to make our **HOME** with him.  
ABIDE is our **HOME** base. We learn to be with God and walk with God in a vital, ongoing relationship.  
John 15:5 “If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.”

## JESUS' HOME LIFE WITH HIS FATHER

### 1. ALWAYS AT **HOME** WITH HIS FATHER

John 1:1–2 “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning.”

The Son has always existed in relationship with the Father.

Luke 2:49 “Didn’t you know I had to be in my Father’s house?”

This is where Jesus belongs. This is **HOME**.

### 2. ALWAYS FILLED WITH **LOVE**

Mark 1:11 “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.”

Before Jesus does anything in his public ministry, the Father declares his Son’s:

**IDENTITY — LOVE — DELIGHT**

John 14:31 “I love the Father and do exactly what my Father has commanded me.”

Jesus’ home is a relationship of love.

### 3. ALWAYS **REMAINING** AT HOME

Jesus didn’t simply know that his Father loved him. He lived his entire life in an ongoing, **ABIDING RELATIONSHIP** with his Father.

Mark 1:35 “Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed.”

Mark 14:36 “Abba, Father ... Yet not what I will, but what you will.”

No matter what Jesus faced, he remained with his Father.

### 4. ALWAYS LIVING FROM THE **OVERFLOW** OF HIS HOME LIFE

John 5:19 “The Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing.”

His identity, purpose, direction, security, strength, and joy flowed from his relationship with his Father.

## MY HOME LIFE WITH JESUS

### 1. I **ACCEPT** HIS INVITATION TO COME HOME

John 17:3 “Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.”

Eternal life isn’t simply living forever. It is **KNOWING GOD**.

### 2. I **EMBRACE** I’M HIS **BELOVED SON OR DAUGHTER**

Mark 1:11 “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.”

Jesus is the beloved Son, and because I am in **CHRIST**, I too am God’s child, loved, with whom he is well pleased!

### 3. I **REMAIN** AT HOME WITH JESUS

John 15:9 “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love.”

ABIDE = Stay. Remain. Dwell. Make your home here.

I don’t just visit Jesus occasionally. I learn to do life with Jesus.

#### 4. I LIVE OUT OF THE OVERFLOW OF MY HOME LIFE

*John 15:5 "If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."*

#### ASK YOURSELF

Have I **ACCEPTED** Jesus' invitation to come home?

How deeply do I **EMBRACE** that I am his beloved?

How am I **REMAINING** at home with Jesus?

How is my life increasingly **FLOWING OUT OF** my home life with Jesus?