

What does John challenge his readers to do? (Abide in Jesus.)

How did Tony illustrate abiding? (Soaking in Jesus like a teabag in hot water.)

PEEK AT THE GREEK

One of the concepts found often throughout Johannine writings is “abiding.” It appears in verses 6 and 10 of 1 John 2 where he uses the word *meno*, meaning “to remain” or “to stay.” Because it’s sometimes translated “remain,” it can cause confusion for some—making it seem like we need to work hard to “stay in” Christianity. Considered in its context, though, John clearly has “abiding” in view for all believers. Abiding with Christ is not an uncertain state, but one that marks every genuine Christ-follower on a permanent and continuous basis—like residing in a new home. Those who do not abide in Christ are not merely less mature in their faith, but lack faith entirely (see 2 John 9).

What does abiding look like for you? What disciplines have you or could you add to your life to encourage “steeping” in the Spirit?

LAST WORD

Our God has not left us unequipped to grow in fellowship with Him. Whether you’re a new Christian or a seasoned veteran of the faith, we

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importance of resisting the self-centered temptations of the world.

Pray: Two times this week, pray and ask God to speak loudly to you through His Holy Spirit. Then take a few minutes to just listen.

Write: Keep track of the various instances where you felt the prompting of the Holy Spirit. Write down what you felt He was saying, and how you responded.

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