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Introduction

Did you know that the Bible is God's love letter to us? 2 Timothy 3:16 says that *"All Scripture is breathed out by God."* It also tells us that Scripture is *"profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness."* We need that, don't we!?

I love studying His love letter! From Genesis to Revelation we see His plan for redeeming humanity unfold. This plan was never Plan B, friend. This was His plan all along, and from the very beginning, you and I were a part of that beautiful redemption story.

Thank you for purchasing *The ABCs of God's Love Letter* Bible study. I am so excited that you are going to join us! We will take a trip together through the Bible using the alphabet as an acrostic and study topics from Abide to Zeal. Each week we'll discover a different topic, and a different writer! Each topic is accompanied by five Scripture verses—one for each weekday. There's a page for each verse that invites you to write the verse out and journal what you've learned. Every time I read God's Word I learn something new. I pray as you join us you'll learn new and exciting things too from His love letter to you!

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Abide

WEEK 1

MONDAY

“He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.” Psalm 91:1

TUESDAY

“Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.” John 15:4

WEDNESDAY

“If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.” John 15:7

THURSDAY

“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.” John 15:10

FRIDAY

“And now, little children, abide in Him, so that when He appears we may have confidence and not shrink from Him in shame at His coming.” 1 John 2:28

Have you ever noticed that we all seem to wear busyness as a badge of honor, yet we don't seem to be accomplishing much? We are so afraid that someone might call us "lazy" that we fill every moment of our days with activity. We pride ourselves on being able to "do it all" yet at the end of the day we are worn out, worried and stressed to the max. I believe God has a better way. That is why I have set an intention to focus on being fruitful instead of being busy.

In searching the Bible to see how to do that, I discovered that, according to John 15:4, the way to become more fruitful is to abide in Christ. *"Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me"* (John 15:4).

Reading this verse made me wonder, just exactly how do you abide in Christ?

We find a couple of clues as we keep reading further in John 15. According to verses 7-8, not only do we need to abide in Christ, but we also need to let His words abide in us. *"If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be My disciples"* (John 15:7-8).

The second clue we find in verse 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"* (John 15:10).

Before we can keep Jesus' commandments, we must first know what they are. How do we know what they are? Well, they are in the Bible.

Finally, we find a third clue in 1 John: *"Let what you heard from the beginning abide in you. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, then you too will abide in the Son and in the Father"* (1 John 2:24).

What they "heard from the beginning" is referring to the Gospel—the transforming message of salvation in Christ.

Are you beginning to see a pattern? All of these Scriptures involve the Word of God. This reminds me of John chapter 1, which reveals that Jesus actually is the Word of God, who was with God in the beginning, then came to earth in the flesh. Therefore, I think it is safe to conclude that getting to know the Word of God is going to help us abide in Christ.

But what does the word "abide" even mean? According to Blue Letter Bible, to abide means: *"not to depart; to continue, to be present; to be held, kept, continually; to continue to be, to last, endure, to stay (in a given place, state, relation or expectancy)."*

Some Bible translations use the word "remain" instead of abide. Therefore, if I want to be fruitful (bear much fruit), I must "remain" connected to Jesus (as a branch remains connected to the vine.)

Over the years, I have learned a few simple but fun strategies that help me to abide in Christ (to remain connected to Him, to continually stay in a state of expectancy—expecting that Jesus loves me, is with me, is protecting me, and guiding me.) The strategies are things I do throughout my day (and during my devotional time) to help me engage with the Word of God, which in turn helps the Word to get down deep in my heart in a way that actually transforms my life.

You can learn more about these strategies over on my blog and download a free printable art print and a coloring page of Psalm 91:1 (which talks about abiding in the shadow of the Almighty).

25 Weeks. 25 Writers.

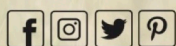


Hey friend! Let's take a trip together through the Bible—God's love letter to us. We'll use the alphabet as an acrostic and study topics like: Abide, Beloved, Calling, Delight, Endure, Faithful, Garment, Hunger, Increase, Justice, Kindness, Light, Manna, Name, Ordain, Path, Quench, Ransom, Salt, Testify, Upright, Vanity, Wait, Yield, and Zeal.

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Each week, there's a different writer and topic to discover. Each topic is accompanied by five Scripture verses—one for each weekday. You'll find a page for each verse. These spaces will invite you to write those verses out and journal what you've learned. I find that Scripture writing really helps me meditate, and as I meditate, God always shows me just what I need for that day—it's AMAZING! So, let's get started and see what He has for us today!

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