

ABIDING AND PURSUING

NXL CONNECT

CELL FORMAT

BREAKDOWN >>

//The goal of this lesson is to discuss How do I abide and pursue God. Here are a few scriptures to help you prepare for your discussion. Rom 8:6 Mat 6:31-32 1 Cor 13:11 Is 40:31 Lam 3:22-25
1 Peter 5:7 Eph 6:13

OPEN UP >>

//Which of the two are you better at (abiding or pursuing) which one do you need to work on.

NOTABLE QUOTE >>

// Abiding and pursuing must coexist you cannot have one with the other. You have to abide in God to receive the strength that you need to pursue him. You have to pursue him to have the desire to abide in him.

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OUT LOUD >>

// The bible says to be carnally minded is death but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Carnality affects whether or not we will abide and pursue God. According to Rom 8:6 carnality begins in the mind. If our thinking is messed up we will interpret life through an eye of darkness (matt 6:31-32) Most of the battles we will fight on this earth are in the mind. We have to daily put to death the flesh and choose to be spiritually minded. To try and be spiritual without spending time with God is impossible. To be spiritually minded we have to think like God we will only get that from pursuing him and spending time in his presence.

HOW DO WE ABIDE AND PURSE HIM?

Hold still. This may seem easy but in the world of distractions that we live in, it has become increasingly more difficult to wait upon the lord. If you ask anyone they will tell you that they want to have an impact on this world but yet few do. Some try but burn out. The ones that last are the ones that spend time with God. You cannot give something that you don't have that's like trying to drive a car when its running on fumes your not going to make it far. If you want to go the distance and finish you have to stop and fill up. When you spend time with God it allows the Holy Spirit to sharpen your gift. David learned how to worship when he was a shepherd not when he was a king. He was a great warrior before goliath ever stepped foot onto the field of battle.

Take your place. At some point you have to stop just abiding and get yourself ready to launch. A track runner stays in the blocks but when the gun fires he has to start running. It would be foolish to just stay in the blocks. The gun has been fired for revolution in this generation. The time to take your place is now. Are you still in the blocks? We also must understand that the minute you take your place is when all hell will break loose in your life. No one cared about David when he was a shepherd. The minute he took his place people wanted him dead. No one minded Saul when he was persecuting Christians but the minute he took his place and became Paul everyone hated him. When your only abiding you're not much of a threat but when you abide and purse is when you become a threat to the devil. Don't run from this persecution embrace it!

Pass the test of trust. At some point your faith in God will be tested. Often times when things get rough our first thought is we must be out of the will of God for our lives. When things get rough we want to run from it but that's not what the bible says to do. *Ephesians 6:13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.*

The bible tells us to stand and trust God. We have to stand for Stand for righteousness godliness faith love patience and gentleness. Stand for your generation!

PRAYER FOCUS >>

Pray for salvation and pray for a move of God in your school