

“Abide: Not Left Alone” | Chris Moghtaderi 07/12/26
John 16:5-15 | Joel 2 | Ezekiel 36 | Jeremiah 31 | Acts 2

Big Idea:

The Christian life is not sustained by stronger _____ but by deeper _____.

The greatest obstacle to abiding is not weakness. It is believing we are strong enough without the _____.

Sometimes, what feels like _____ is the doorway to deeper _____ on God.

The Spirit:

Is the _____ of God _____ and _____ His people.

Does not flatter us with _____; He frees us with _____.

Exposes our _____, our false _____, and the defeat of the ruler of this world.

Does not invent a different _____; He draws us _____ into Jesus.

Comes as the fulfillment of God’s long promise to _____ and _____ His people.

Peter’s failure is not the end of his _____; but his _____.

Challenge: Begin each day this week by receiving the help Jesus promised.

Go deeper on this topic this week
with Waypoint’s Daily
Devotional Podcast:



Talk It Over: “Not Left Alone”

Discuss these questions with someone – maybe a family member, friend, or member of your LifeGroup. Use a communication method that works best for your situation.

To Start Things Off:

Share about a time when you tried to handle something through willpower alone. How did that go?

Dig Deeper

Read John 16:5-15

- Why do you think the disciples were filled with sorrow when Jesus talked about leaving?
- Jesus says it is actually better for Him to go because the Spirit will come. How does that challenge the way we often think about God’s presence with us?
- What stands out to you about the Spirit’s work of convicting the world concerning sin, righteousness, and judgement?
- How is conviction different from condemnation?

Read Ezekiel 36:24-27

- God promises to put His Spirit within His people and cause them to walk in His ways. Why is that different from simply telling people to try harder?
- How does this Old Testament promise help us understand what Jesus is saying in John 16?
- What does this passage teach us about the kind of help we actually need from God?

Read John 21:15-19 and Acts 4:8-13

- Peter had promised to stay faithful to Jesus but then denied Him? What does Peter’s story teach us about the limits of self-confidence?
- What difference do you notice between Peter before the coming of the Spirit and Peter after?
- How does Peter’s transformation help us understand that we do not abide by willpower, we abide by the help of the Spirit?

Personal Reflection

- Where are you most tempted to rely on your own strength instead of depending on the Holy Spirit?

July Memory Verse: Philippians 4:13