

## **TRUE IDENTITY**

### **Session 4: Don't Move From Your Place In Christ (John 15:1-4)**

*In this final lesson, we will talk about the importance of remaining in fellowship with Christ. Some people make a decision to start serving Jesus but over time they do not remain committed to Him. In this lesson, let's look at how we can remain committed to Christ.*

#### **1. We must \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ**

- Serving Jesus is more than just praying a one-time prayer. We are to walk in relationship with Jesus every day that we live.
- In John 15:4, the word “remain” means to stay in a given place or to stay put.
- We must make the decision that we are going to remain fully committed to Jesus.
- If Jesus teaches us to remain in Him, then it is possible to “not” remain in Him.

#### **2. We must \_\_\_\_\_ our fellowship with Christ**

***Genesis 2:8-10, 15 “Now the Lord God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed.<sup>9</sup> The Lord God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground—trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.***

***<sup>10</sup>A river watering the garden flowed from Eden; from there it was separated into four headwaters.”***

***15. “The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.”***

- Man being placed in the garden can represent you and I being placed in Christ at salvation.
- Man enjoyed fellowship with God in the garden. We enjoy fellowship with God as we are “in” Christ.
- Everything the man needed was found in the garden (food, water). Everything we need is found in Christ.
- Notice in verse 15 that man was placed in the garden “to work it and take care of it”.
  - “work it” – cultivate it
  - “take care of it” – to guard it

- We must be careful to not allow anything into our lives that can hinder our fellowship with the Lord.

***Ephesians 4:27 “and do not give the devil a foothold.”***

- The enemy will look for entry points into our lives.
- The Devil will try and get you to move from your place in Christ and to not remain committed to Him.

**3. \_\_\_\_\_ is the key**

***John 15:7 “If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.”***

- God is speaking to us as we walk in fellowship with Him. We must choose to listen and obey.
- We must make the decision to hold our position when it comes to God's Word.

***II Timothy 3:14 “But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it...”***

- We guard our fellowship with Christ by walking in obedience. To walk in disobedience is to walk in rebellion.

***John 15:10 “If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love.”***

***I John 2:3-6 “We know that we have come to know him if we keep his commands. 4 whoever says, “I know him,” but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in that person. 5 But if anyone obeys his word, love for God is truly made complete in them. This is how we know we are in him: 6 whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did.”***

**Conclusion:**

- Make the decision to not budge from your place in Christ.

Answer key: 1. Remain 2. Guard 3. Obedience