

Questions

1. Read Romans 8:14-17. What does it mean to you to be able to call God "Abba, Father"? What's a way in which that relationship has affected and changed your desires, words, and actions?
2. Read 1 Peter 2:18-19. Peter is writing to household servants, but the application to our lives is clear: It is better to suffer for obeying God (even if the suffering seems unjust) than to suffer deservedly for being disobedient. Is there an area of life in which you've held back from submitting to the Lord out of reluctance to experience potential suffering?
3. How does your prayer life reflect your dependence on the Lord for help? Do you move quickly toward prayer when temptations and daily pressures seem to be increasing?
4. As we consider Jesus, we might miss the fact that Jesus, the man, was fully reliant on the Holy Spirit. Why is it important for us to see that and understand it? In particular, what does it mean for you and your daily walk?
5. Read Galatians 5:16-25. What does it look like to "keep in step with the Spirit"?
6. Consider the vine-branch illustration from John 15:1-8. In what way(s) does your life most closely resemble a branch attached to Jesus, and in what way(s) is that connection not as strong?

Need prayer? Our Prayer Team will be up front by the piano to pray with you after the 1st & 2nd services.

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Engaging with Dependence Various Scriptures

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As we see Jesus' relationship with His Father and with the Holy Spirit, we learn that engaging the world requires constant dependence that is expressed in our submission to the Father, in our need for strengthening from the Spirit, and in our reliance on the sufficiency of Jesus.

1. Submitted to the Father (Luke 2:46-50; 5:15-16; 23:46; John 5:16-20; 12:44-50)

2. Strengthened by the Spirit (Isaiah 11:1-2; 42:1-4; 61:1; John 14:15-17; Acts 1:8; 10:37-38; 2 Corinthians 3:2-3)

3. Sufficient in Christ (John 15:1-17)