Abiding in His Love

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READ John 15:1-11

Jesus told His disciples that apart from Him they could do nothing. A branch does not create fruit by straining harder; it bears fruit by remaining connected to the vine. In the same way, the Christian life grows out of dependence on Christ. Jesus speaks of abiding, obedience, love, and joy together. His commands are not a competing path away from joy; they lead us deeper into fellowship with Him. Advent calendars fill quickly with responsibilities and events. Yet even good activities cannot replace communion with Jesus. Take time to open His Word, confess your need, and ask Him to shape your desires. Lasting joy grows from life with Him.

REFLECT

What practical adjustment could make room for unhurried time with Christ this week?

PRAY

True Vine, keep us close to You and grow lasting joy in our hearts.