

# MEN'S RETREAT

## ROUGH ACRES RANCH



“Abide in me, and  
I will abide in you.  
Just as the branch  
cannot produce  
fruit by itself  
unless it abides in  
the vine, neither  
can you unless  
you abide in me.”

John 15:4

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## Abiding In The Abiding One

## Hebrews 10:32–34

But recall the former days when, after you were enlightened, you endured a hard struggle with sufferings, 33 sometimes being publicly exposed to reproach and affliction, and sometimes being partners with those so treated. 34 For you had compassion on those in prison, and you joyfully accepted the plundering of your property, since you knew that you yourselves had a better possession and an abiding one.

I M HERE, I LOVE YOU. I DON'T CARE  
IF YOU NEED TO STAY UP CRYING ALL  
NIGHT LONG, I WILL STAY WITH YOU.  
THERE'S NOTHING YOU CAN EVER DO TO  
LOSE MY LOVE. I WILL PROTECT YOU  
UNTIL YOU DIE, AND AFTER YOUR DEATH

I WILL STILL PROTECT YOU.  
I AM STRONGER THAN DEPRESSION  
AND I AM BRAVER THAN LONELINESS  
AND NOTHING WILL EVER EXHAUST ME.

-God

# Abiding in the Abiding One

*Guys... God has been here  
from the beginning, and  
He's not going anywhere!*

## Revelation 21:1–4 The New Heaven and the New Earth

21 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. 2 And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. 4 He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.

# “Abide”

”-μένω (meno)

- A. To remain in the same place over a period of time
- B. To stand against opposition,” “to hold out,”  
“to stand fast,” opp. to waver, or to flee,
- C. The party which remains true to the agreement

## John 15:1–5 I - Am the True Vine

15 “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser.  
2 Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. 3 Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. 4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me.  
5 I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.



6 If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. 7 If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. 8 By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. 9 As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. 10 If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love.

11 These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

# Abiding in the Abiding One

*Guys...apart from Christ there  
is no "fullness of life"... just  
doom and gloom for real*

John 15:11 (ESV) “These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full”.

John 15:11 (Amplified) I have told you these things, that My joy and delight may be in you, and that your joy and gladness may be of full measure and complete and overflowing”.

John 5:11 (Message) “I’ve told you these things for a purpose: that my joy might be your joy, and your joy wholly mature”.

# Abiding in the Abiding One

*You have an opportunity to  
abide with the “Abiding One”,  
now, while here in this world.*



Hebrews 11:6

6 And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.



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