

Faith Talk - June 28, 2026

Series: 1 John- Life in the Light and Love of God

Sermon: Abide in the Life and Love of God

Scripture: 1 John 2:24-25

“What you have heard from the beginning is to remain in you. If what you have heard from the beginning remains in you, then you will remain in the Son and in the Father. And this is the promise that he himself made to us: eternal life.”

Summary

To abide in God is to stay within the sphere of his life, his love, his truth, and his Spirit. The promise attached to this abiding is nothing less than eternal life. The sermon calls believers to abide through corporate rhythms — worship, community, serving, and mission — as well as personal disciplines like prayer, fasting, and Scripture reading.

Main Points

- Competing desires pull us away from God.
- God has given us everything we need to stand firm.
- Abiding is active, not passive.

Discussion Questions

Conversations with Adults

- Where in your life right now do you feel the most pulled away from God — what "competing vision" has the most traction on you?
- C.S. Lewis says we're "far too easily pleased." What does settling for mud pies look like in your own spiritual life, practically speaking?
- What is one corporate or personal rhythm you could commit to this season that would help you abide more deeply in God?

Conversations with Students

- Think about something you're really loyal to — a team, a friend group, a hobby. What does it look like to be that devoted to Jesus?
- Have you ever heard something about God or faith that turned out not to be true? How did you figure out it wasn't true?
- What's one thing that makes it hard for you to stay connected to God during the week — and what's one thing that actually helps?

Conversations with Kids

- If you really love something — like a sport or a show — you think about it all the time, right? What do you think it would look like to love Jesus that much?
- Has anyone ever tried to get you to believe something that wasn't true? How did you know it wasn't true?
- What's something our family could do together to help us remember to stay close to God?

Closing Prayer

Heavenly Father, we thank you that you are not distant — that through your Son Jesus and the gift of your Holy Spirit, you have invited us into your very life and love. We confess that we are easily distracted, too quickly satisfied with lesser things, and prone to wander from the source of all that is true and good. We ask that you strengthen our desire for you above all else — that your Spirit would teach us, ground us, and keep us close to Jesus when the world offers its counterfeits. And we commit today to abide — to stay — in you: through worship, through community, through your Word, and through the disciplines that keep our hearts turned toward home. May our lives together bear witness to the truth that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Amen.