

When His words shape your desires

If My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

JOHN 15:7

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After Jesus and the disciples
left the Upper Room,
they walked toward Gethsemane.
Along the way, they likely passed a vineyard.
There, Jesus paused and said:

“If My words abide in you...”

Every movement in John 15 has a purpose.
Jesus is revealing the inner structure
of life with Him.

He begins with identity:

“I am the true vine.”

He moves to union: “Abide in Me.”

And before He speaks
of love, joy, and friendship,
He provides a hinge:

“If My words abide in you...”

This is the turning point of the chapter.
Because the life of the Vine
flows through the words of the Son.

You may not know this about Jesus:

He never separates His presence
from His words.

His words are not information.
They are impartation. They carry His life,
His mind, His desires, His heart.

When His words abide in us,
they do not sit on the surface.
They take root.
They reshape our inner world.
They reorder desire.
They rewire prayer.

This is why Jesus adds
the promise:

“...ask whatever you wish,
and it will be done for you.”

Not because prayer becomes a blank check,
but because abiding transforms us.

When His words live in us:

We stop praying from fear, scarcity,
or self-protection.

We begin praying from union.

His desires become ours.
His longings become ours.
His will becomes the place
our prayers rise from.

This is the quiet miracle
of abiding—
the life of Jesus
shaping our desires.

And this is why abiding in His words
isn't just a devotional practice.
It is spiritual nourishment.
As we feed on His words,
a love for Jesus awakens and deepens.
That love produces joyful obedience—
not forced, not fearful,
but the glad obedience
of a heart captivated
by the One who speaks.

And joyful obedience
opens the door for Jesus
to reveal Himself to us
in deeper, more personal ways.
His revelation draws us back
to His words with even greater hunger,
and the cycle continues—
love,
obedience,
revelation,
abiding—
each movement
feeding the next.