

THE PLACE OF ABIDING

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EPISODE 5:

God's Gift

This is a week to practice abiding in God's presence and to renew your mind that He lives in you... it's not a place to get to.

Here's the Crafted Prayer from this episode for you to use, adapt or write a better one:

"Thank you that You abide in me and I abide in You.

Thank you Jesus for preparing this dwelling place for me.

Holy Spirit, You're the best Teacher and Helper as I learn to remain, stay and dwell.

It's good to be with You."

God has initiated His gift of abiding to you. Thanksgiving is the best response we can have.

- Thanksgiving shifts us from asking for what is already ours, to accepting it as a gift and simply thanking God for it.
- The language of thanksgiving stirs up expectation for God to be wonderful.

- This is a key in establishing the mindset that there is no where “out there” to hope you get to in God or that He grants you permission to enter. Permission has been granted!

Practice His presence this week through the language of thanksgiving.

- We might not always be thankful for our circumstances, but we can *a/ways* be grateful for who God has promised to be for us in them... and for His gift of abiding.
- Think with the language of, “Though this may be currently true... yet I can rejoice that THIS is who God is for me in the midst of this situation...”

Let us know how your internal atmosphere shifts when this becomes your new focus!

