



Abiding in Jesus as We Help Sexual Strugglers

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1. Abiding in intimate union with Jesus, our true vine (John 15:1–17)
 - a. What it means
 - b. Foundation for a God-glorifying, fruitful and effective faith
 - c. Foundation for fruitful and effective ministry to sexual strugglers

2. Sexual sin as a painful experience of “anti-John 15”
 - a. Abiding in and seeking life in creation, *rather than the vine*
 - b. Resisting and refusing the pruning love of the father, *rather than receiving it by faith*
 - c. Isolating from fellow branches, *rather than true fellowship through the vine*
 - d. Seeking life in the other branches, *rather than loving them*
 - e. Beliefs based on worldly words, *rather than the true Word*
 - f. Joy is elusive, *rather than full*
 - g. Life is for self, *rather than fruit-bearing*

How do you live in anti-John 15 ways?

What are the obstacles for you to be a side-by-side helper to a sexual struggler?

3. Helping sexual strugglers: loving and living side by side as you abide (Colossians 3:1–17)
 - a. Stay near to your brother or sister in praying, listening, knowing and encouraging

- b. Discipleship: life in Christ
- c. Discipleship: the Word dwelling within
- d. Discipleship: prayer as relationship
- e. What must be put off? What is the Father pruning away?
- f. What must be put on? How is God calling him or her to loving obedience?
- g. Inspire toward the promise and calling of being a fruit-bearer