

## Pastor's Corner

*Who Should be on Whose Side?*

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Dear Friend,

Jesus was talking with His disciples, and asked them to “remain in Me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in Me” (John 15:4). Notice what Jesus asks for. For us to remain, or stay, in Him. And, as we do so, it's a given that He will remain connected to us. Just like a branch that stays connected *will* receive the life-giving sap from the parent tree, so when we stay with Christ we also will receive the power we need.



I find it amazing how much we talk about and worry about the Lord staying with us. Of God being on our side. Of God blessing my little plans. Jesus says not to worry about that. “Don't concentrate on My job as much as on your job,” seems to be what He is saying here.

During the dark days of the Civil War, Abraham Lincoln happened into a church service during which the minister was asking the Lord to be on “our side” and to give victory to “our side.” After the service was over, Lincoln said to his companion, “As for me, I have learned to ask but one thing of the Lord – not that He may be on our side, but that I may be on His side.”

To be on the Lord's side is to be on the right side, the safe side, the winning side in the end. Are you on the Lord's side? Are you abiding in Him today?

We're praying for you!

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