

## REMAINING

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*But I trust in your unfailing love; my heart rejoices in your salvation.*

**Psalm 13:5 NIV**

*The Lord loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of his unfailing love.*

**Psalm 33:5 NIV**

*But the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, on those whose hope is in his unfailing love.* **Psalm 33:18 NIV**

*But I am like an olive tree flourishing in the house of God; I trust in God's unfailing love for ever and ever.* **Psalm 52:8 NIV**

*The Lord delights in those who fear him, who put their hope in his unfailing love.* **Psalm 147:11 NIV**

*For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."*

**Hebrews 13:5 NKJV**

*And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.*

**Matthew 28:20 NLT**

## God \_\_\_\_\_

*Remain in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me.*

**John 15:4 NLT**

## Remain means \_\_\_\_\_ and

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*Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.*

**Hebrews 12:1-2 NIV**

**Remain means** \_\_\_\_\_

**Remain means you play** \_\_\_\_\_

*Oh, that my actions would consistently reflect your decrees! Psalm 119:5 NLT*

*Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!  
1 Chronicles 16:34 ESV*

*Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing. John 15:5 NLT*

**When it comes to God's call, it's** \_\_\_\_\_

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*The LORD gave another message to Jeremiah. He said, "Go down to the potter's shop, and I will speak to you there." So I did as he told me and found the potter working at his wheel. But the jar he was making did not turn out as he had hoped, so he crushed it into a lump of clay again and started over. Then the LORD gave me this message: "O Israel, can I not do to you as this potter has done to his clay? As the clay is in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand. Jeremiah 18:1-6 NLT*

## **QUESTIONS FOR GROUPS //**

- God remains with us! Start by reading these Psalms together:
  - Psalm 13:5*
  - Psalm 33:5, 18*
  - Psalm 52:8*
  - Psalm 147:11*
- Now read John 15:4. What's it mean to remain in Jesus?
- What's an example from your life of commitment?
- What's an example from your life of playing the long game?
- What's an area of life where you need to renew commitment?
- What do you sense the Spirit is asking you to apply from this series?