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Rolling Acres Alliance Church: Real People. Real Faith. Real Love.

Dear Friends in Christ,

"...apart from ME, you can do nothing." John 15:5b (emphasis mine)

Jesus isn't being a pessimist here. He's being a realist. We can't do anything apart from Him. In our culture, we sure don't like expressing when we can't do something. When asked about our weaknesses, we try to turn them into positives. In this instance, we must be brutally honest. Apart from Jesus we can do NO thing. Not big things or even the smallest thing. Our pride and our culture will all tell us that we can. They are wrong. Jesus Himself is the True Vine (Jn. 15:1). He is the real source of divine life, spiritual nourishment, and strength to fulfill God's call upon our lives. Abiding in Him, we can live a fruitful and growing Christian life. Apart from Him, we fall on our faces. It is in denying ourselves and allowing the Holy Spirit to fill us, lead us, and guide us that we abide in Jesus Christ. So take a minute and ask the Lord to search you and lead you into confession for any area of your life in which you have been trusting in yourself and not in Him. You might be surprised at what He reveals to you. Simply confess these. There's no need to analyze each thing He reveals. We easily can get caught up in rationalization, etc. Rather, humbly confess them to your Savior. You can rest assured that the Savior who calls you to abide in Him will surely cover you with His cleansing forgiveness (1 Jn. 1:9). He is after all, the Beginning and the End. He is the author and finisher of our faith. He knows exactly what we need from Him. Let's abide in Him.

Come on out this Sunday!

Sunday morning sermon: "Who is the Holy Spirit?"

Psunday Evening Psalm is 139 which is a beautiful picture of God knowing us personally.

Blessings in your Abiding,

Pastor Andy