



MESSAGE NOTES

AT THE LOOP



REAL LIFE: STRUGGLES STRENGTHEN

Dec 11, 2011 • Pastor Gregg Matte • John 15:18-21

Section	Relationship	Key Term	Emphasis
John 15:1-11	Believer with Christ	"Abide" (10 times in 11 verses)	Union
John 15:12-17	Believer with believer	"Love" (4 times in 6 verses)	Communion
John 15:18-27	Believer with the world	"Hate" (7 times in 10 verses)	Persecution

Chuck Swindoll's New Testament Insights on John; Page 255

► Abide to please God instead of man.

Galatians 5:22; Hebrews 10:32-34; 1 Corinthians 4:5; Ephesians 5:8

► Struggle strengthens.

Matthew 5:11; 1 Peter 4:12; 1 Peter 2:23

► Abide to endure.

Acts 14:22; 2 Timothy 2:11-13; Revelation 2:2-3

MEMORIZE John 14:27

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SYMPATHIES

- Glenn Lippman in the death of his wife, Marcy Lippman
- Bill May in the death of his wife, Beverly May

DECISIONS DEC 4, 2011

For Baptism

Lauren Bradshaw

Beny Rouse

Jason Rodger

By Statement

Travis Hayes

Elizabeth Qualls

From Other Fellowships

Heidi-Marie Carroll

Flamur Hoxha

David Hawkins

Rishma Tidwell

Kelly Hoxha

Steve Tidwell

ATTENDANCE DEC 4, 2011

Life Bible Study	4,049
Mission Bible Study	446
Weekday Bible Study	364
Total Bible Study	4,859

GIVING — WEEK ENDING DEC 4, 2011

Tithes & Offerings	\$515,832
Weekly Requirements	\$335,755
Over/(Under)	\$180,077
Designated Gifts	\$211,503
Over/(Under) for Dec	\$180,077
Over/(Under) Fiscal YTD	(\$104,975)
Capital Campaign	
Donations Received	\$16,285
Total Received	\$26,279,601

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