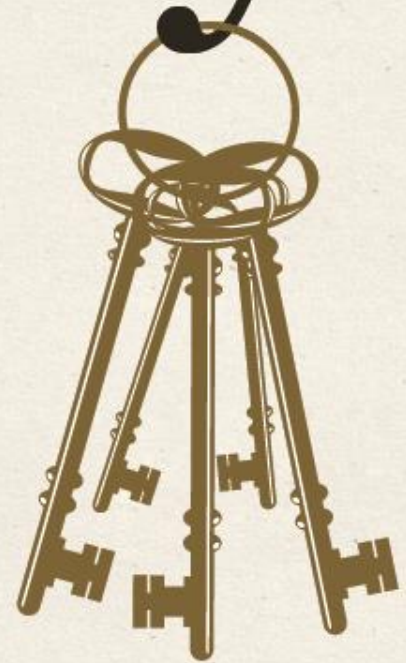
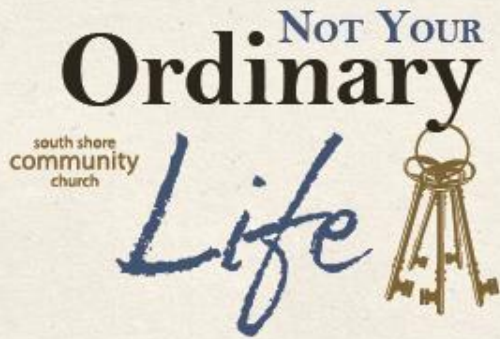


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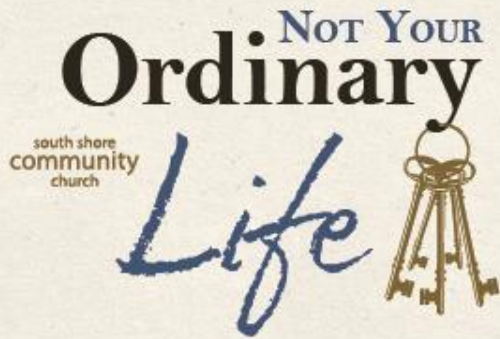
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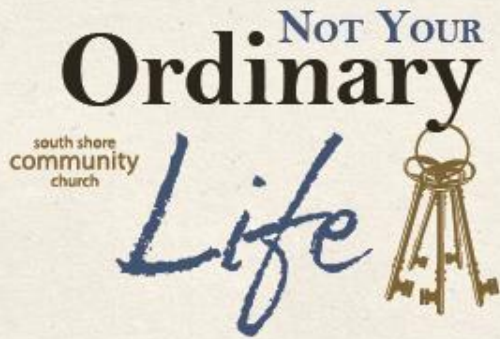
## Abiding Fruit:

- Our world is a mess (new law)
- Spiritual authority is the capacity to draw face to face with God, and touch the throne of heaven & change the outcomes of earth.
- God wants you to bear fruit. Much fruit. The key is a rightly aligned intimate relationship with the Father.



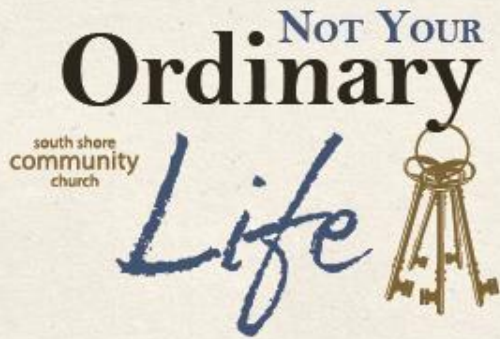
## Abiding Fruit:

- John 14:12-14, "I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. *And I will do whatever you ask in my name,* so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. *You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.*" (truly, truly)



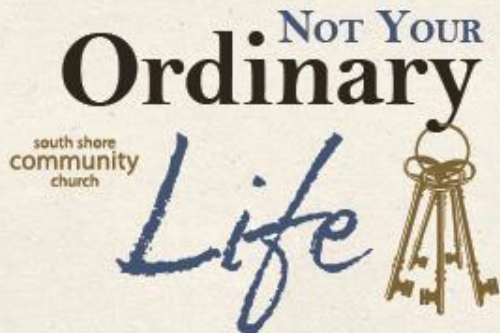
## Abiding Fruit:

- John 15:5-8, "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If anyone does not remain in me, he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned.



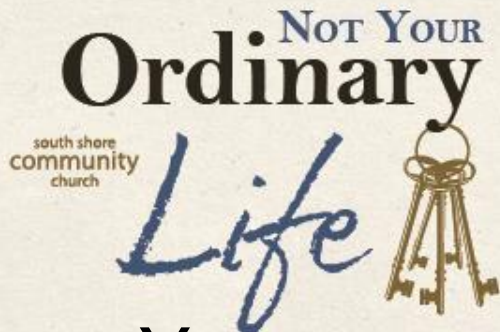
## Abiding Fruit:

- John 15:5-8, “If you remain in me and my words remain in you, *ask whatever you wish, and it will be given to you.* This is to my Father’s glory, that you may bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.”



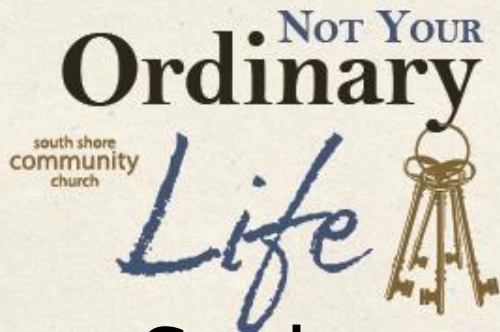
## Abiding Fruit:

- John 15:15-17, "I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit – fruit that will last. *Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name.* This is my command: Love each other."



## Abiding Fruit:

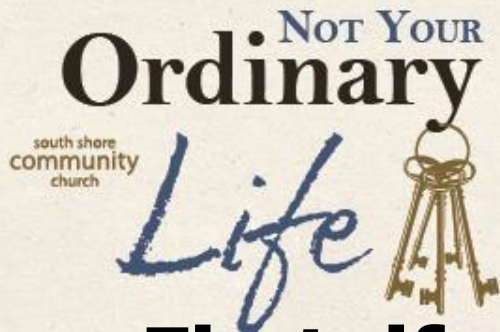
- You were born to make a difference; you were chosen by God to bear much fruit. Jesus wants us to get this reality – so he gives us a double truly opening with a promise repeated 4x. It is as if Jesus is asking us, “Are you listening? Are you getting this?”
- The key to this promise is a rightly aligned intimate relationship with the Father.



## Abiding Fruit:

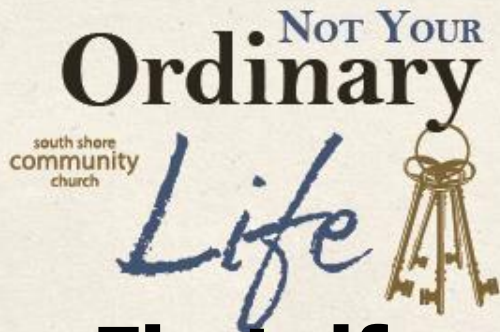
- So, how do we live it out?
- **First, if we are going to have a rightly aligned intimate relationship with the Father that bears much fruit, we must have faith.** John 14:12, “I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing.” Trust is the foundation of any relationship; you can’t be rightly aligned without it.





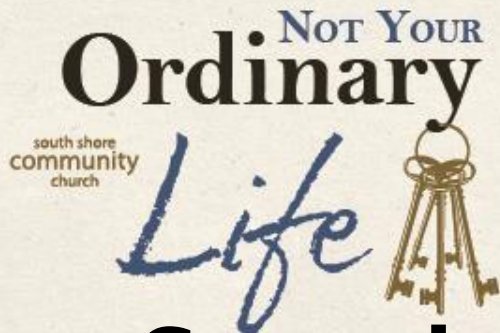
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- You are responsible for the level of your faith. If our faith is weak, we must engage in faith strengthening exercises.



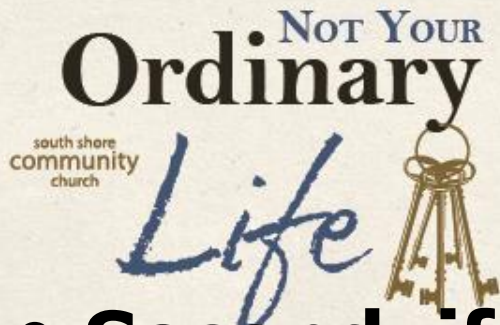
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- **First, if we are going to have a rightly aligned intimate relationship with the Father that bears much fruit, we must have faith.** John 14:12
- Faith strengthening exercises:
- Meditate on Scriptures that build your faith (e.g., John 14-15; healing; Moses)
- Enlarge your experience (Acts; reading revivals) (conferences; HS weekends)
- Pray (help me overcome my unbelief)



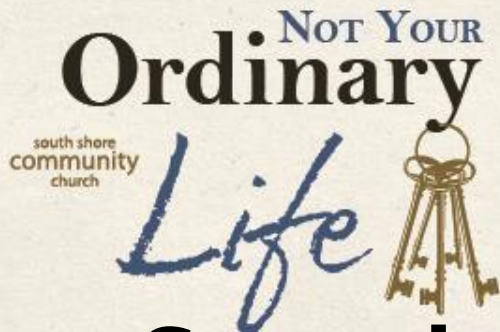
## Abiding Fruit:

- **Second, if we are going to have a rightly aligned intimate relationship with the Father that bears much fruit, we must obey.** John 14:15, “If you love me, you will obey what I command.” John 14:23, “If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. He who does not love me will not obey my teaching.”



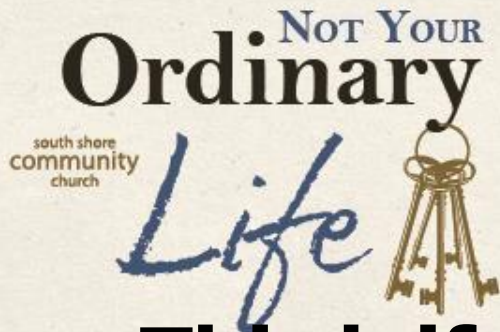
## Abiding Fruit:

- **Second, if we are going to have a rightly aligned intimate relationship with the Father that bears much fruit, we must obey.** John 15:9-10, 12-14, “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love. . . My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command.”



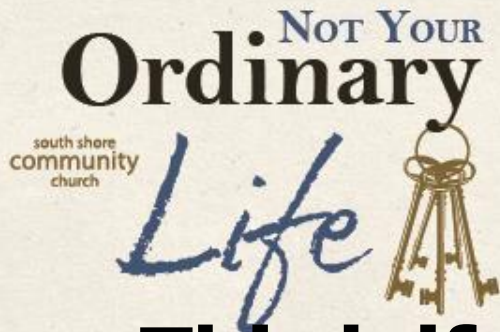
## Abiding Fruit:

- **Second, if we are going to have a rightly aligned intimate relationship with the Father that bears much fruit, we must obey.**
- If we want to draw near to God we must obey no matter what. We must practice radical, loving obedience. If we obey in radical, self-giving love, Jesus will call us friends, and the Father & He will dwell with us. (Yes-No; \$1000; Corrie)



## Abiding Fruit:

- **Third, if we are going to have a rightly aligned intimate relationship with the Father that bears much fruit we must embrace pruning.** John 15:1-2, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful." (peach tree)



## Abiding Fruit:

- **Third, if we are going to have a rightly aligned intimate relationship with the Father that bears much fruit we must embrace pruning.**
- We have a choice. Will you embrace pruning? Will you welcome the work of the gardener? (unpleasant circumstances – relational tension; financial stress; job pain; physical suffering) The choice is yours