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Imagine you found a magic lamp with a genie who promised to give you one wish. Whatever you asked for would magically appear. What would you wish? Now, look at Jesus' promise in John 15:7. Is God like a magic genie? God is better than a magic genie because 1) God is real (magic genies are make-believe), and 2) knowing God is the greatest thing we could ever wish for (better than new toys, lots of friends, or a fun vacation).

The promise of John 15:7 is for those who abide in Jesus and have Jesus' words abiding in them. What does this mean? It means having a daily, personal relationship with Jesus. It means you love Jesus and are seeking to obey him. It also means that you love Jesus' words in the Bible. The more you read the Bible, the more it changes the way you think so that you want to do what pleases Jesus, rather than pleasing yourself.

Are you abiding in Jesus? Do the words of the Bible abide in you? If so, God promises to answer your prayers and do what you ask him to do. Why? Because you'll be asking for things he desires, things he tells us about in the Bible. What are some things you could pray and ask for that are pleasing to God? Here are a few ideas from Matthew 6:9-12 to get you started:

- ☆ That God's name would be honored and glorified (Matt. 6:9)
- ☆ That God's kingdom would be built - that his will would be done on earth (Matt. 6:10)
- ☆ That God would supply our daily needs for food, clothing, and shelter (Matt. 6:11)
- ☆ That God would forgive our sins and help us to forgive others (Matt. 6:12)

Let's thank God for answering our prayers and ask him to help us abide in Jesus more and more.