

Sermon Notes: “Make Your Home in Christ”

Scripture: John 15:1–17

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Scripture Reading

- John 15:1–11 (NIV)
 - Jesus is the **true vine**, the Father is the **gardener**, and we are the **branches**.
 - The call: **Remain in Jesus** to bear fruit.
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Key Questions

1. **How do we remain in Jesus?**
 2. **What fruit does abiding produce?**
 3. **What is the purpose of pruning?**
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1. How Do We Remain?

- **Spiritual Practices** = our trellis for growth.
 - Examples: Prayer, Scripture, Silence, Fasting, Community, Generosity, Sabbath, Witness, Service.
- These practices help us **abide**—make our home in Jesus.
- Think of your **Rule of Life**: What daily habits shape your spiritual health?

Reflection:

- What does your spiritual trellis look like?
 - Are you intentional about abiding?
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2. What Fruit Does Abiding Produce?

- **Fruit = Love** (John 15:8, John 13:35)
- God’s love is:
 - **Selfless**
 - **Active**
 - **Unconditional**
- Not just good works, but **transformed character**.

Supporting Scriptures:

- 1 Corinthians 13:4–7
- Galatians 5:22–23 (Fruit of the Spirit)

 *Reflection:*

- Where do you see God’s love growing in your life?
 - Are you becoming more like Jesus?
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3. What Is the Purpose of Pruning?

- Pruning = removing what hinders growth.
- Can be painful, but it’s purposeful.
- God prunes to:
 - Increase fruitfulness
 - Deepen dependence
 - Shape us into Christ’s image

 *Supporting Scriptures:*

- Romans 8:28
- Hebrews 12:5–6, 11

 *Reflection:*

- What is God pruning in your life right now?
 - Are you trusting the Gardener?
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Response Time

- **Three invitations:**
 1. **Surrender to Jesus** – Connect to the Vine.
 2. **Encouragement in pruning** – Trust God’s process.
 3. **Commit to deeper growth** – Rearrange your spiritual home.
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Closing Prayer & Worship

“Lord, I depend on You. I am the branch, You are the vine. Draw me close and teach me to abide.”