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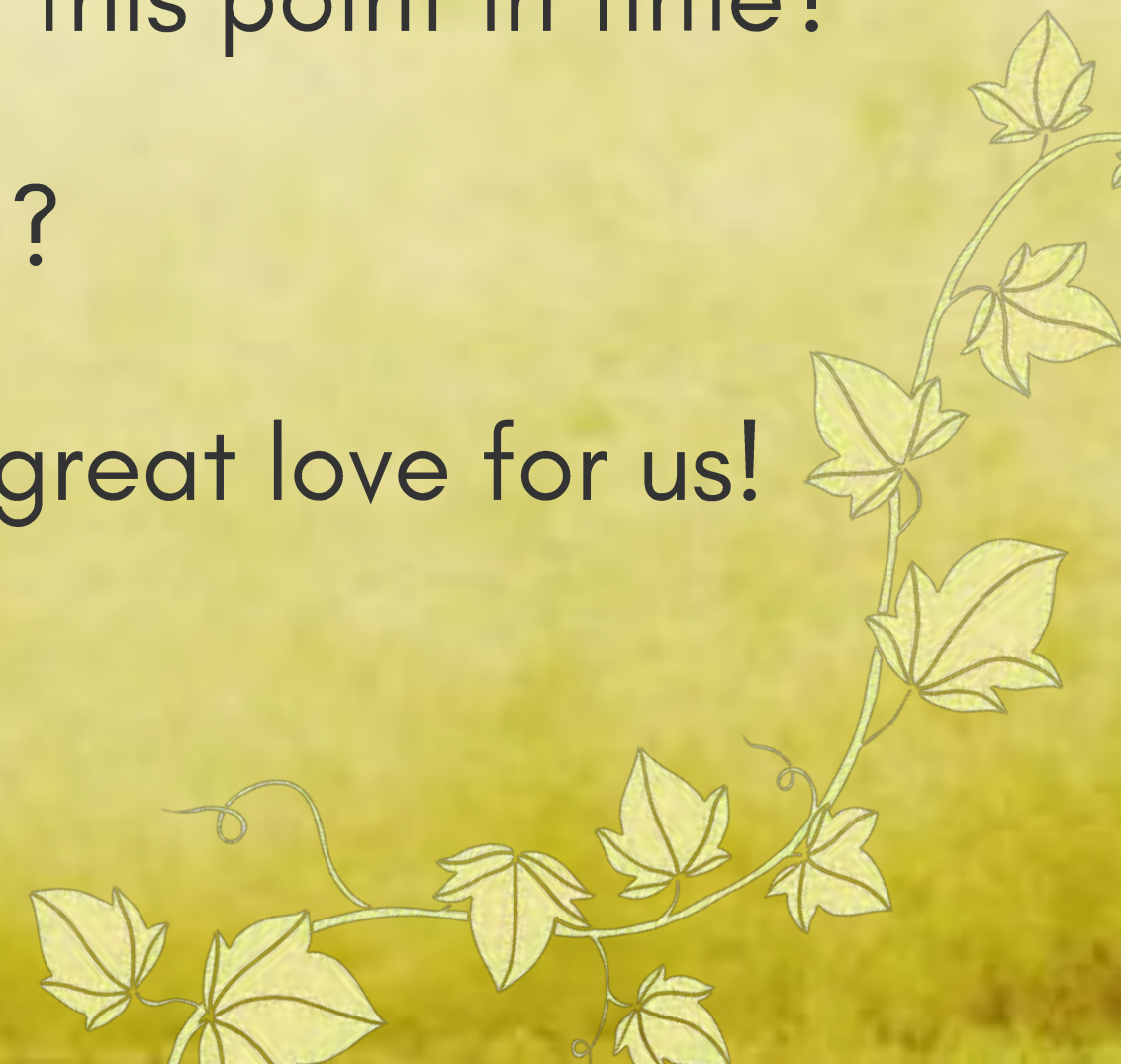
## **Making ReCalibration a Future Ready Endeavour**

***John 15:1-11 (ESV)***



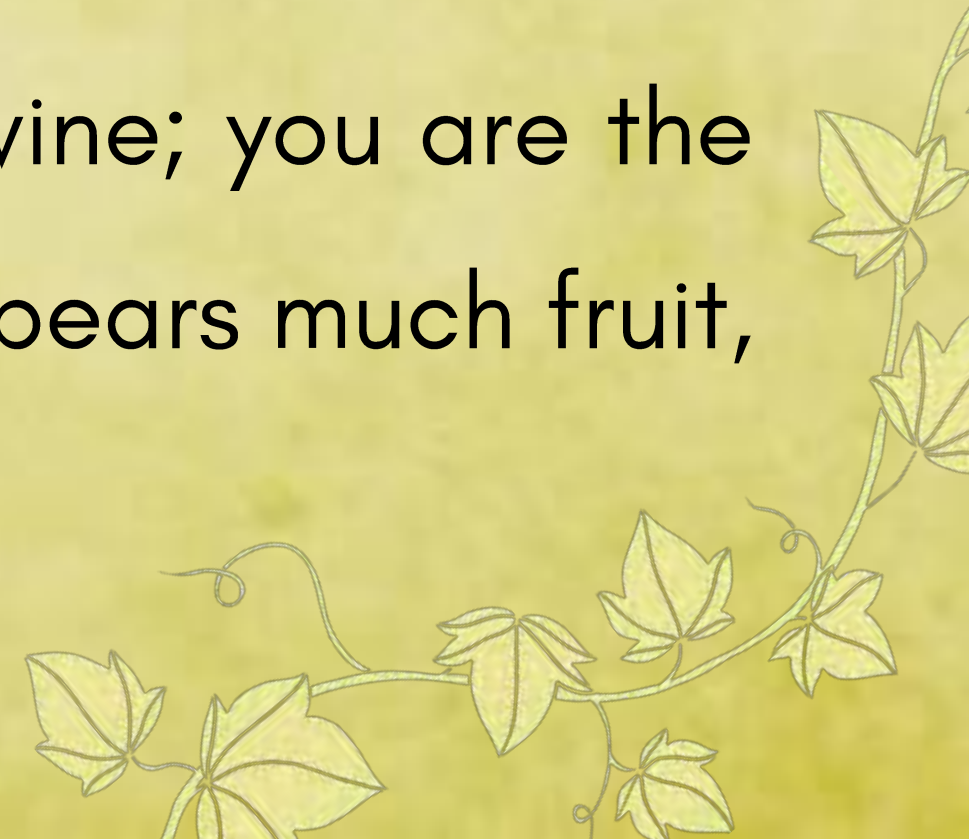
# REFLECTION

1. What does it mean to abide in Christ?
2. How can you tell that someone is abiding in Christ?
3. Which aspect/s of your life is God pruning you at this point in time?
4. What spiritual fruit did you bear after the pruning?
5. Pray for each other, giving thanks to God for His great love for us!



## JOHN 15:1-11 (ESV)

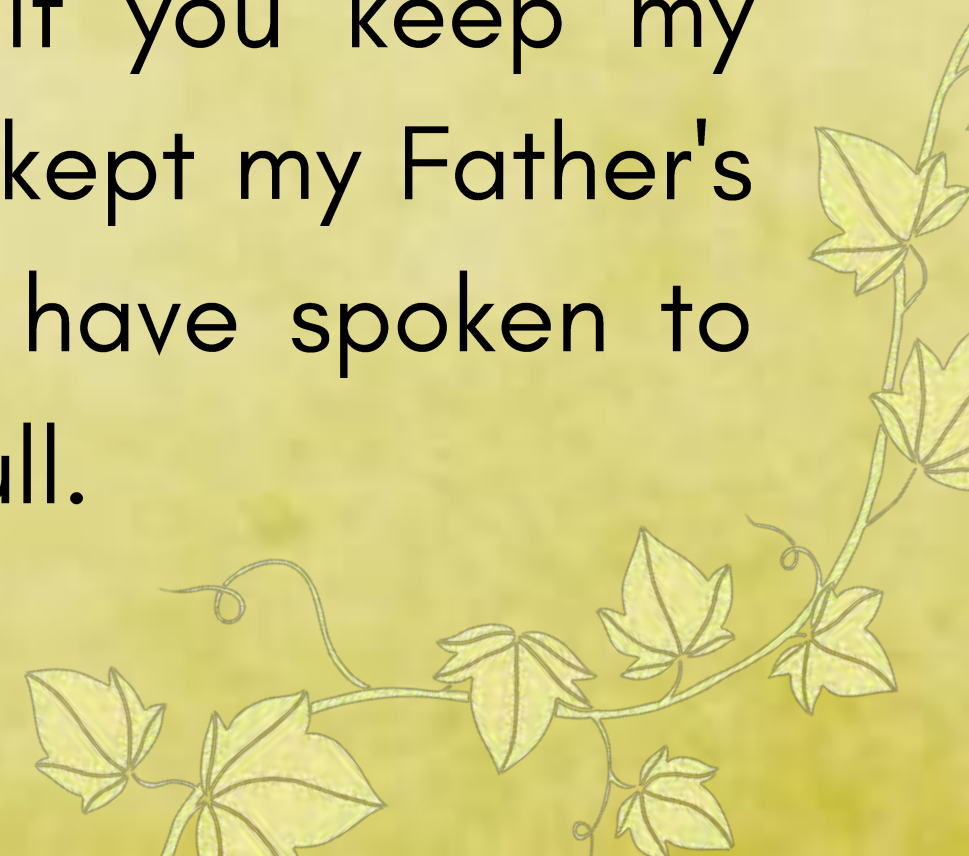
15 “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. <sup>2</sup> Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup> Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup> Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup> I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.





## JOHN 15:1-11 (ESV)

<sup>6</sup> If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup> If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup> By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. <sup>9</sup> As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. <sup>10</sup> If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup> These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.





# HEROD'S TEMPLE: THE GOLDEN VINE





# GOOD NEWS!

- We are cleansed by justification through the Word of Christ  
(Jn 15:3)
- We belong to Jesus; nothing can snatch us away from Him  
(Jn 10:28)
- Question?

**Are you a 'smouldering' servant or a steadfast servant?**

(1 Corinthians 3:15 versus Matthew 25:23)







**1.**  
**FATHER GOD**  
**the Vinedresser**




**2.**  
**JESUS**  
**the Vine**



**3.**  
**WE**  
**the Branches**





# 1. Father God, the Vinedresser


What is **prune**?

It is to trim by cutting away dead or overgrown branches or stems, especially to encourage growth.

*Oxford Dictionary*



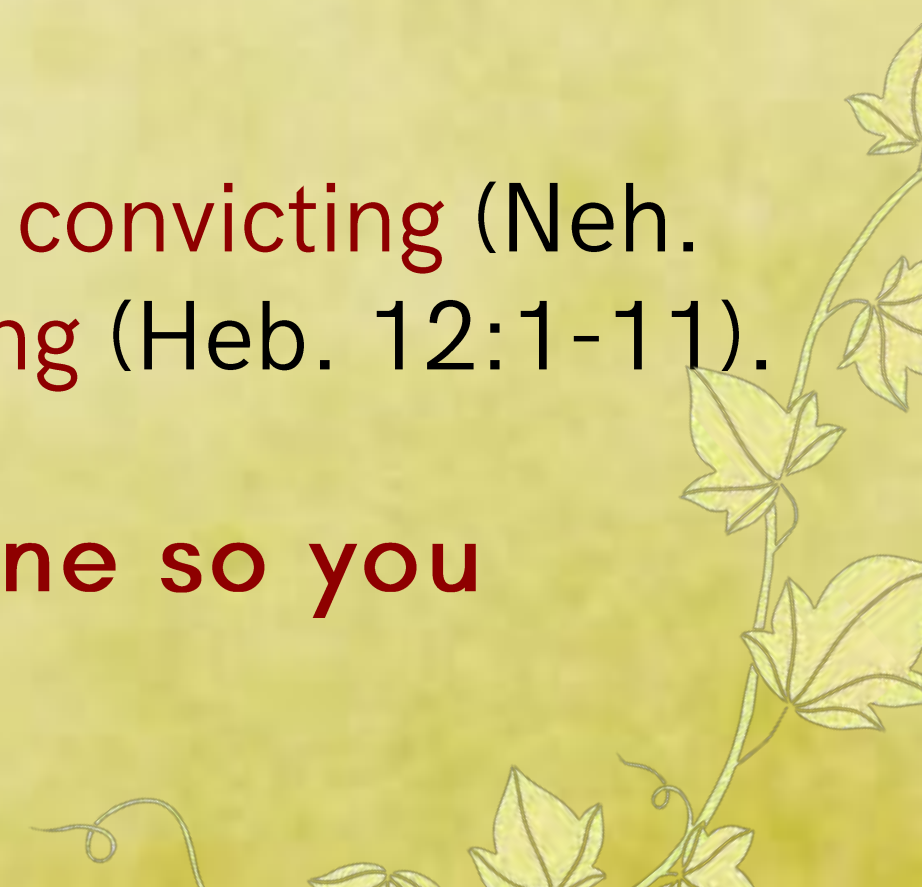




# 1. Father God, the Vinedresser

- Pruning
  - is necessary for spiritual growth.
  - hurts but it helps.
  - shows that the Father is close to you.
  - shows the Father's tender loving care over you.
  - shows that the Father has your best interest in heart.
  - shows that the Father is working in you.
- The Father prunes by **cleansing** (Jn 15:2), **convicting** (Neh. 9:3), **correcting** (Ps. 119:67) and **chastening** (Heb. 12:1-11).

**Would you allow Father God to prune so you can be more fruitful?**





## 2. Jesus, the Vine

- To abide in Christ is to be in fellowship with Christ so that His life can work in and through us to produce much fruit.
- The symbolism of the Vine and branches is similar to the Head and the body. *"And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way."* Ephesians 1:22-23
- The True Vine is a symbol of unlimited life and vitality.
- Branches need to abide in the Vine for life and fruit bearing.
- Dead branches from the Vine will be removed as they are unproductive.





## 2. Jesus, the Vine

- Bearing much fruit is a sign that the branch is constantly connected to the life-giving Vine.
- Our union with the Vine (Christ) is a living union, a loving union, and a lasting union.
- Apart from the Vine the branches can do nothing (15:5).
- **Where are you in your walk or relationship with Christ?**
- **Do you meditate upon and live out God's eternal Word daily, participate in godly works or service actively, and winning souls constantly?**





# Abiding in the Vine, Jesus Christ

*"Connected with Him in His love, I am more than conqueror; without Him, I am nothing. Like some railway tickets in America, I am "Not good if detached."*

**Corrie Ten Boom**

Dutch Watchmaker,  
Christian writer and publisher  
1892-1983







### 3. We, the Branches

- By itself, the branch is weak and useless.
- When one **abides** in Christ, one **produces much fruit** (15:2, 5), sees **prayers answered** (15:7), **deepens in his/her love** for Christ and one another (15:9) and **experiences joy** (15:11).
- Bearing much fruit proves you are a disciple of Jesus Christ (15:8)
- Being fruitful reveals a *life of surrender, submission, sacrifice and service to Christ*. **Obedience!**







### 3. We, the Branches

- The purpose of bearing fruit is to love and serve God and others.
- Attachment of the branches to the vine shows Jesus desires a close communion with us.
- This close communion must be cultivated through the disciplines of worship, study and meditation of God's Word, prayer, surrender, submission, sacrifice and service.

**How fruitful are you as a branch of Christ?**





# Summary of John 15:1-11

- The more we abide in Christ, the more fruit we bear, and the more fruit we bear, the more the Father has to prune us so that the quality keeps up with the quantity. Left to itself, the branch might produce many clusters, but they will be inferior in quality. God is glorified by a bigger crop that is also a better crop.
- That's what the business of recalibration is all about.

**Bigger and better crop, for the glory of God!**







*Why **ReCalibrate**?*

*Why now?*





*"The Boss May Come Today!"*

Shackleton's Expedition







# Prayer

- Pray for one another to receive God's grace to recalibrate
  - Pray for yourself
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