

THE PLACE OF ABIDING

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EPISODE 7:

The Fruit of Abiding

Spend time this week meditating on these portions from John 15:

“I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser...every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.

“I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.... If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.

“As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love. 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.

“These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full.

Abiding in God produces the fruit of relationship, fellowship; trust and faith!

What old, unhelpful ways of seeing and thinking is God kindly and lovingly pruning in your life through this series?

What is the fruitfulness that He is excited about seeing come from this time?

What is your expectation of Him as the Vinedresser?

What new life do you anticipate because of His wisdom and care in lifting you higher?

As always, we would love to hear about your discoveries because all of us grow more quickly when we grow together!