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Connected

How are you remaining in me? Are you vitally and vibrantly connected to me? If I took a close look at your schedule would anything indicate that you have made remaining in me a priority in your daily life? Yes, I am remaining in you. Yes, I am vitally and vibrantly connected to you. Yes, you can look at my schedule and see that I have made remaining in you a priority in my daily life. **Tell me more about that.** I have set aside a time and place to meet with you in your word. I have withdrawn from the busyness and noise of life. I have blocked out large amounts of time so that I could hear from you. I want to listen to your instruction. I want to follow your guidance. In every second, minute, hour and day I want to keep in step with you. I want to follow you to where you lead me to do whatever you ask of me. **That is very good.**

What else has helped you to remain vitally and vibrantly connected to me? I have allowed myself to be rooted in a local body of your believers. **How so?** I have made gathering together with others to worship you a consistent pattern in my life. I have found a regular place to serve you by ministering to others. I have found ongoing support and encouragement from others in a small group. I am meeting with you in prayer. I am reading and studying your word. I am meditating on and memorizing your word. I am praying your word. I am putting your word into practice. In every way, I am trying to know and do your will. It is my passionate desire to live my life with and for you. **That is very good.**

How have I helped you to remain in me? You have let me know that you are working in and through my life. You have allowed me to shine brightly for you in the world. You are allowing me to bear fruit for your kingdom and bring glory to your name. Am I perfect? Am I following you without any mistakes or missteps? Certainly not. But, you are leading me. You are guiding me. You are changing me. You are pruning my life. You are making me able to be more vitally connected to you. You are making me able to live more vibrantly for you. **Yes, I am.** Help me to remain connected to you today, tomorrow and forever. **Yes, I will.**

Lord, I will remain in you. I will make abiding in you a daily priority in my life. I will withdraw from the noise and busyness of life so that I can draw near to you. I will meet with you in your word, prayer and worship so that I can remain vitally connected to you. Amen

Discipleship*Remain In Me*

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NIV

John 15:1-4

Discipleship*Abide In Me*

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. 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. Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. 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.

ESV

John 15:1-4

Discipleship*Remain In Me*

"I am the true grapevine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch of mine that doesn't produce fruit, and he prunes the branches that do bear fruit so they will produce even more. You have already been pruned and purified by the message I have given you. Remain in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me.

NLT

John 15:1-4

Discipleship*Abide In Me*

"I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and 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.

NKJV

John 15:1-4

Discipleship*Abide In Me*

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me.

NRSV

John 15:1-4

Discipleship*Joined With Me*

"I am the Real Vine and my Father is the Farmer. He cuts off every branch of me that doesn't bear grapes. And every branch that is grape-bearing he prunes back so it will bear even more. You are already pruned back by the message I have spoken. "Live in me. Make your home in me just as I do in you. In the same way that a branch can't bear grapes by itself but only by being joined to the vine, you can't bear fruit unless you are joined with me.

MSG

John 15:1-4

Discipleship*Abide In Me*

I AM the True Vine, and My Father is the Vinedresser. Any branch in Me that does not bear fruit [that stops bearing] He cuts away (trims off, takes away); and He cleanses *and* repeatedly prunes every branch that continues to bear fruit, to make it bear more *and* richer *and* more excellent fruit. You are cleansed *and* pruned already, because of the word which I have given you [the teachings I have discussed with you]. Dwell in Me, and I will dwell in you. [Live in Me, and I will live in you.] Just as no branch can bear fruit of itself without abiding in (being vitally united to) the vine, neither can you bear fruit unless you abide in Me.

AMP

John 15:1-4

Discipleship*Live In Me*

"I am the true Vine, and my Father is the Gardener. He lops off every branch that doesn't produce. And he prunes those branches that bear fruit for even larger crops. He has already tended you by pruning you back for greater strength and usefulness by of means the commands I gave you. Take care to live in me, and let me live in you. For a branch can't produce fruit when severed from the vine. Nor can you be fruitful apart from me.

TLB

John 15:1-4

Discipleship*Abide In Me*

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NASB

John 15:1-4

Discipleship*Remain In Me*

"I am the true vine; my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch of mine that does not produce fruit. And he trims and cleans every branch that produces fruit so that it will produce even more fruit. You are already clean because of the words I have spoken to you. Remain in me, and I will remain in you. A branch cannot produce fruit alone but must remain in the vine. In the same way, you cannot produce fruit alone but must remain in me.

NCV

John 15:1-4

Remain In Me

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Discipleship – John 15:1-4

In Context: *Read John 15*

Begin With Prayer:

Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.

Meditating On God’s Word: ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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Considering The Words: ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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Praying The Scripture: ***(What prayer from your heart will you write?)***

Lord, I will remain in you. I will make abiding in you a daily priority in my life. I will withdraw from the noise and busyness of life so that I can draw near to you. I will meet with you in your word, prayer and worship so that I can remain vitally connected to you. Amen

What It Means: ***(What questions speak to your heart?)*** *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

How are you making it your priority to remain in Christ so that you can bear fruit for Him?

How can your remaining closely connected to Jesus Christ be observed in your daily schedule?

What are some spiritual practices that have helped you to remain vitally and vibrantly connected to Jesus Christ?

How has meeting with Christ in His word helped you to remain vitally and vibrantly connected to Him?

How has being connected and in close relationship with fellow believers helped you to remain connected to Christ?

How has remaining vitally and vibrantly connected to Christ made you able to bear fruit for Him?

How has your life been pruned so that it will bear even more fruit for Jesus Christ?

Living It Out: ***(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)***

Make remaining in Christ a priority in your life that can be observed in your daily schedule.

Seeing It Happen: ***(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)***

Have faith that you will bear fruit for Christ as you continue to remain in Him.

Get Ready To Share: ***(What can you share with others from your heart?)***

Share with another person or your small group what how remaining in Christ can be observed in your daily schedule.

Close With Prayer: ***Quiet Yourself Before The Lord***

Pause And Offer Prayers Of...

With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You

Adoration... _____

Thanksgiving... _____

Confession... _____

Intercession... _____

Petition... _____

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May you remain in Jesus Christ so that you can bear fruit for Him.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Lord, I will remain in you so that I can bear fruit for you.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, how can I bear fruit for you today?
