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INTRODUCTION

John 1:1-5 – The Word is Jesus Christ. Everything that was made was made through Him and without Him nothing was made that was made.

John 15 - Allegory of the Vine and Branches

Jesus is helping us see that a branch is dependent on the vine. Jesus is preparing His disciples for a life of dwelling in Him.

John 15:2 Pruning

• **Pruning** – Being clean; The sanctification process

John 15:3 "You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you." We are already clean (pruned) because of His word.

John15:4 ABIDING IN CHRIST

Abide – To dwell/continue – To stay (in a given place, state, relation, or expectancy)

- Example: In nature, if you break a branch off an orange tree, the fruit of that branch will stop producing because it is disconnected from the source.
- He was telling His disciples to live intentionally in Him, and He was going to be intentional about living in them
- As believers, we have been accepted in the beloved. We give conversation to that place and see ourselves there. We can occupy that place.

John 15:5 "... without Me, you can do nothing."

- We are made through Him and are dependent to live connected in union in Him.
- Example: Lucifer chose to rise above God and sought to lift up his throne and to be like God. He thought that the anointing, beauty, etc. he was flowing in would be sustained if he walked away from God.
- The Truth = Jesus
- The Lie = We can live without God and be like God
- Example: When we move away from the Lord's provision back to ourselves, fear/shame make us vulnerable to the fear of punishment if we don't <u>do</u> the right thing. The focus goes from the Lord's provision back to ourselves.
- Fear = Expectation of punishment
- Law = Incites sin within the flesh. Our efforts bring condemnation.
- Humility = Our utter dependency upon Jesus' all sufficiency.
- Trust is the restoration of the glory of God to all mankind in Christ. He is our all sufficiency.
- Jesus wants us to trust Him. He proves His trustworthiness in our conversation, journey, and transformation. He does it all. It is freeing!

John 15:6 "If anyone does not abide in me..."

Without the daily discipline of abiding, disconnect causes us to dry up. Without Christ, we can do nothing.

John 15:7 "If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you..."

- The secret of the fruitful life is our dwelling in Christ
- Spirit and Truth are how we advance.
- Example: When Jesus was brought to the wilderness to be tempted, He didn't use the experience at the baptism to silence the accuser He used the word.

HIS WORD ABIDING IN US

Romans 10:8 "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart."

• We cause the word to dwell in us is with our **mouth** and **heart**. We use our mouth to engage and our heart to believe new things. The word has the authority to withstand all accusations and trickery of hell.

Hebrews 3:1 Consider Jesus the Apostle and High Priest of our confession

Hebrews 4:14 We have a great High Priest...Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession

Hebrews 10:23 Confession of our hope

Don't read the bible to do it but read the bible to find Jesus and turn to Him.

DWELLING

Dwelling in the truth in Christ is not something we can do quickly but once we find connection, we can begin to grow the connection and live from there. We step into the life of fruitfulness and reigning. Fruitfulness comes and His dominion is exercised. We begin to function from our place in Christ instead of trying to do things for Christ.

MEDITAION

We repeat what we heard.

- With our mouth say a descriptive word and let who He is affect who I am.
- We ponder these words out loud until they sink into our heart and it allows our imagination to experience.
- The Word of God is to paint a picture inside of us. It is the boundary of my identity.
- We hear what God is saying and say what we are hearing back to Him.
- Our soul starts to surrender because it is submitting to something greater.
- Holy Spirit will lift a word to us or it's something specific about Christ
- Prayer becomes a place of yielding and agreement rather than control.

DAILY PRACTICE

- Don't read the bible to do it
- Don't let the bible condemn you
- Read the bible to find Jesus, to see Him. Every scripture brings you to an encounter. Read it to become it.
- Find a scripture in John 15:1-7 or any scripture we have mentioned and meditate <u>very slowly</u> and intentionally on it until it enters your heart then repeat it back to Him
- Other scriptures: Gal 5:16, Romans 7, 2 Cor 3, Psalm 45, Rom 10:9, Heb 3:1-5, John 1: 1-10