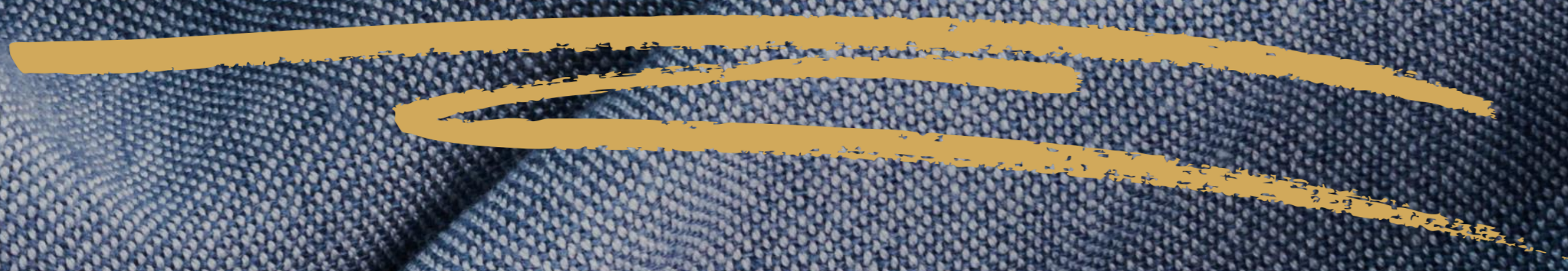


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ABIDING, FRUIT AND BECOMING ONE





Jesus is the True Vine (1,5)

God is the vinegrower (1); Gardener in the NIV

Disciples are the branches (5)



John 15:1-17



1. Abiding in Christ is about a Relationship

- Jesus says to Abide in Me: Remain in Me (NIV)
- 4 *“Live in me. Make your home in me just as I do in you (Message)*
- 5 *When you’re joined with me and I with you.... (Message)*
- Abide in me, remain in me, be in the presence of, be connected to me.
- Christ living in us and we are living committed to him.
- A relationship based on connection, obedience, friendship and love.
- Something that is long-lasting or permanent.



2. Abiding in Christ Produces Fruit

- I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, 5
- Remaining in Jesus leads to Joy
 - *I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete, 15:11*
- Remaining in Jesus leads to Love
 - *As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love, 15:9*

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, **23** gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. **24** Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

Fruits of the Spirit

Galatians 5:22-24



God Prunes with a Purpose

He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit, he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful.

(15:2)

- *To bear much fruit*

God Prunes His People





3. Abiding in Christ is Foundational for Unity

John 16:6-15, John 17:6-11, 17:20-23

- Abiding in Christ leads to Unity among believers.
- Abiding in Christ brings different people together.
- Unity is a powerful witness to the reality of God's love.



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