

The ONE Voice
"Remaining"
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Thread: _____ Jesus as our highest goal of thought and action brings breakthrough clarity.

⁶And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns...
⁹ I pray that your love will overflow more and more, and that you will keep on growing in knowledge and understanding. ¹⁰ For I want you to understand what really matters, so that you may live pure and blameless lives until the day of Christ's return. ¹¹ May you always be filled with the fruit of your salvation—the righteous character produced in your life by Jesus Christ—for this will bring much glory and praise to God.
Philippians 1:6, 9-11 NLT

¹"I am the true grapevine, and my Father is the gardener. ² 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.** ³ **You have already been pruned and purified by the message I have given you.** ⁴ **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.

⁵"Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. **Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing.** ⁶ Anyone who does not remain in me is thrown away like a useless branch and withers. Such branches are gathered into a pile to be burned. ⁷ But if you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask for anything you want, and it will be granted! ⁸ When you produce much fruit, you are my true disciples. This brings great glory to my Father.

⁹ "I have loved you even as the Father has loved me. Remain in my love. ¹⁰ When you obey my commandments, you remain in my love, just as I obey my Father's commandments and remain in his love.
John 15:1-10 NLT

1. "...he prunes the branches that do bear fruit so they will produce even more." **John 15:2**

Pruning in your life is essential to staying _____.

- Shoots of sin.
- Shoots of pain.
- Shoots of deception.

2. "You have already been pruned and purified by the message I have given you." **John 15:3**

Challenge:

- What in your life is disobedient?
- What is painful?
- What in your life keeps unravelling?

Pruning in your life is essential if you are to bear _____.

- Shoots that are good but are sacrificed for what's best.

Challenge:

- What in your life is distracting/shading what God is trying to grow?

3. "Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing." **John 15:5**

_____ **to the vine gives life to the pruned branch.**

- Am I creating space for what God is trying to grow?
- Blow up your schedule and how you choose to spend your time.

Challenge:

- **How will you give your attention to The ONE VOICE that matters?**
- **Where do I start?**
 - Read MATTHEW, MARK, LUKE or JOHN. Listen, correct, & act.
 - What are you confused about?
 - What hurts in your life?
 - Where do you want to grow?
 - Commit to being present as God's church when we gather; either in-person or online.

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