

**The ONE Voice**  
**“Remaining: Part 2”**  
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**Thread: Choosing** Jesus as our highest goal of thought and action brings breakthrough clarity.

*<sup>9</sup> I pray that your love will overflow more and more, and that you will keep on growing in knowledge and understanding. <sup>10</sup> 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. <sup>11</sup> 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 1:9-11 NLT**

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

*<sup>5</sup> “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. <sup>6</sup> 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. <sup>7</sup> But if you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask for anything you want, and it will be granted! <sup>8</sup> When you produce much fruit, you are my true disciples. This brings great glory to my Father.*

*<sup>9</sup> “I have loved you even as the Father has loved me. Remain in my love. <sup>10</sup> 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 healthy.**

- **Shoots of sin.**  
God is trying to remove the disease, not just cope with it.
- **Shoots of pain.**  
God is trying to heal your wound; where are you bleeding?
- **Shoots of deception.**  
God is trying to cut off destructive beliefs that are influencing, shaping and guiding you.

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 fruit.**

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

GOOD branches are SHADING the BEST ones.

**Challenge:**

- What in your life is distracting/shading what God is trying to grow?
- What in your life is good, but taking time and attention away from the BEST God is trying to GROW?
- Identify what God is trying to grow and make sure other pursuits don't distract you.

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**

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

- **Am I creating space for what God is trying to grow?**

Will create fruit when you take the time to develop it.

Will do hard things when you choose to “remain” through the struggle.

Will do things like Jesus did when you choose to “remain” in the opportunities.

**Challenge:**

- Blow up your schedule and how you choose to spend your time.  
COVID habits are not serving us well.  
Time to be intentional again; those who have are already reaping the rewards.

**Listening to The ONE Voice—JESUS**

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**John 15:7-8 NLT**

**Challenge:**

- **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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