

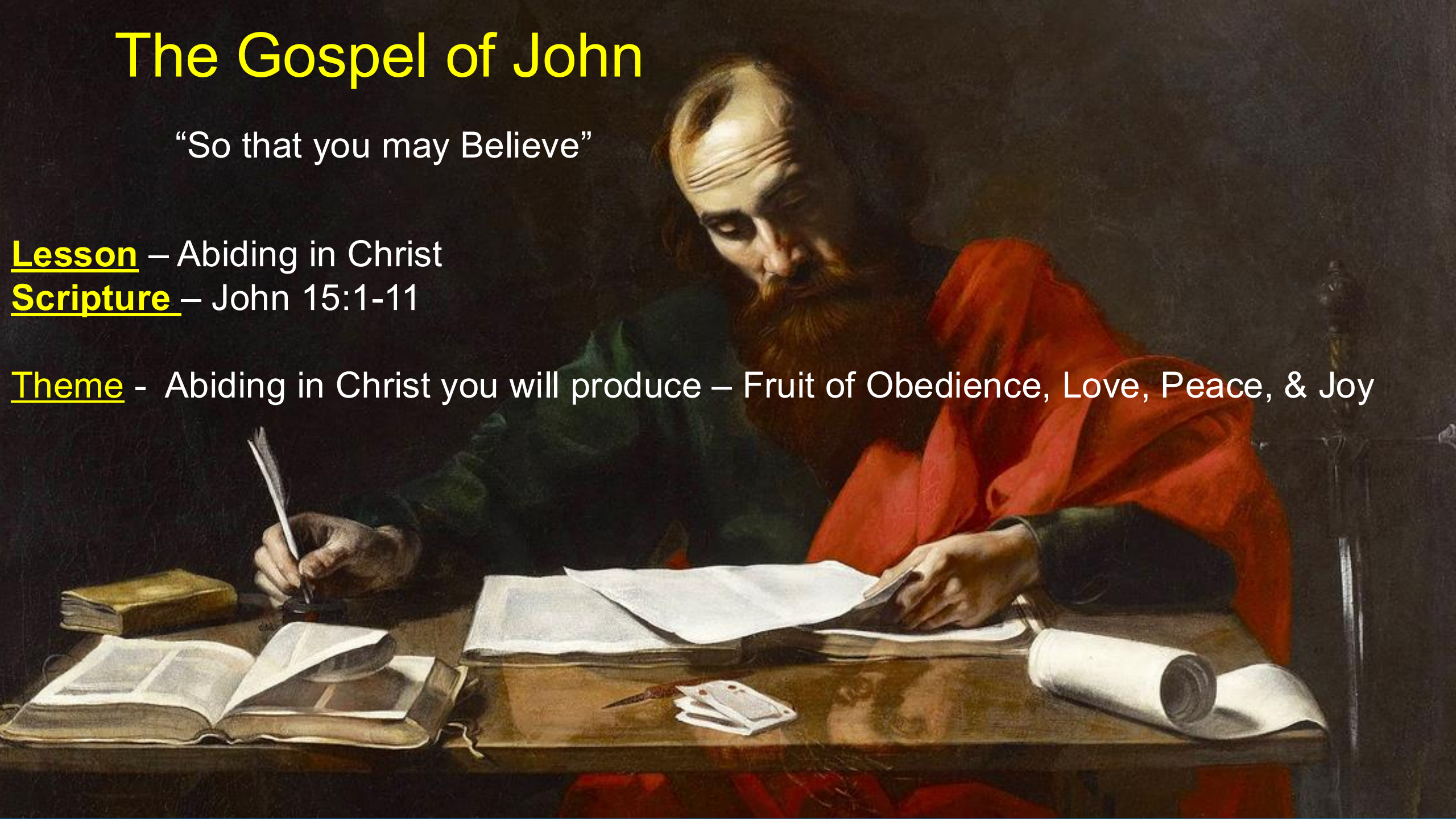
The Gospel of John

“So that you may Believe”

Lesson – Abiding in Christ

Scripture – John 15:1-11

Theme - Abiding in Christ you will produce – Fruit of Obedience, Love, Peace, & Joy



ABIDING IN CHRIST

JOHN 15:1-11

REVIEW

God / Jesus

As a Father – We are His Children

As a King – We are His Subjects

As the Creator – We are His Creatures

As a Shepherd – We are His Sheep

As the Builder – We are His Building

As our Master – We are His Slaves

As a Husband – We are His Bride

As the Head – We are the Body

HE IS THE TRUE VINE

We are the Branches

His Father is the Vinedresser

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Following the supper, heading to Gethsemane



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I. The Vine – vs. 1-3

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Jeremiah 2:21 "Yet I planted you a choice vine, a completely faithful seed. How then have you turned yourself before Me into the degenerate shoots of a foreign vine?"

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Parable of the Vineyard

MATTHEW 21:33-44

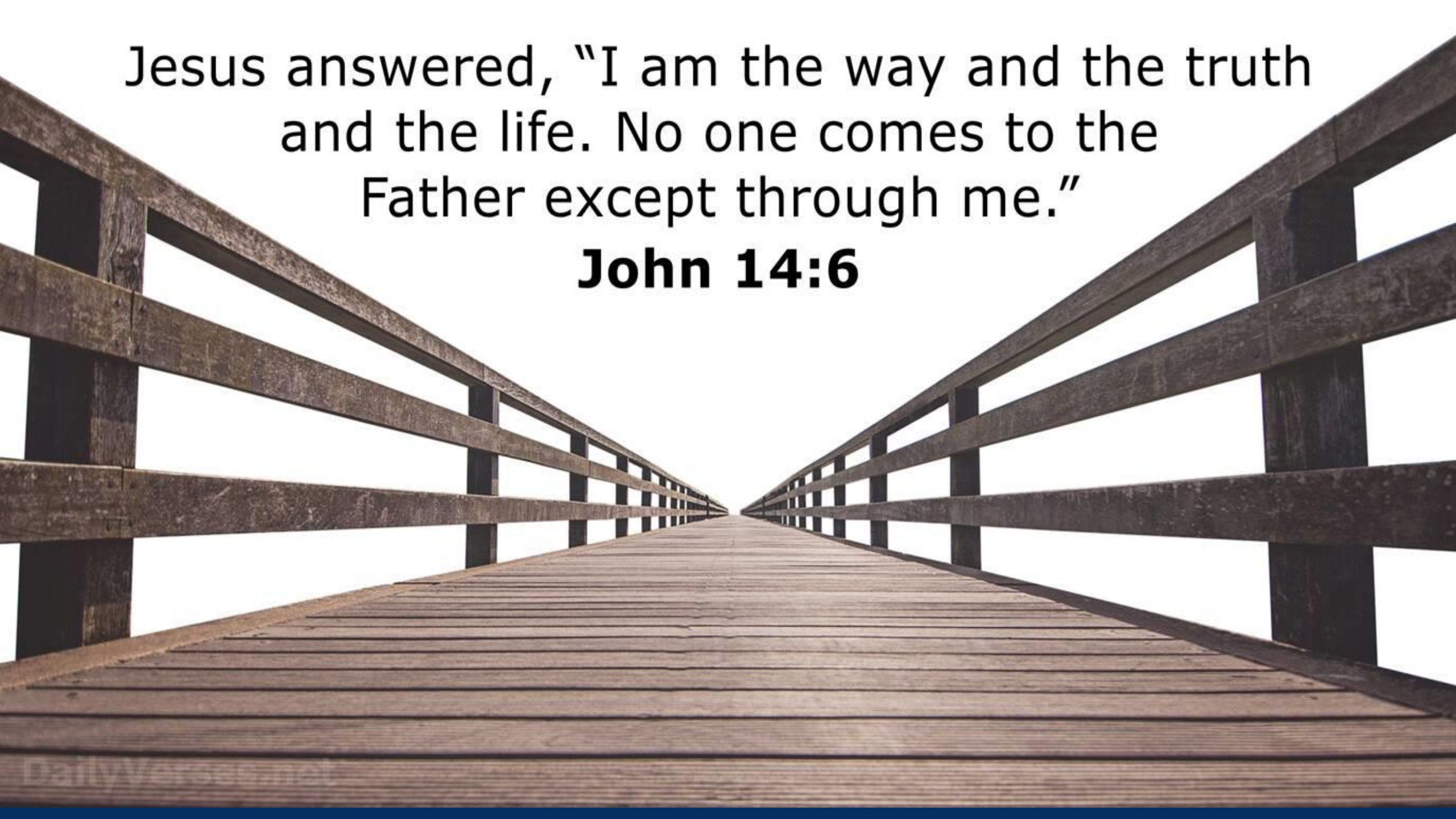


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John 1:9-10

“There was the true light which coming into the world, enlightens every man. He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. He came to His own, and those who were His own did not receive Him.”

A long wooden pier with railings extending to the horizon. The pier is made of light-colored wood and has a railing with three horizontal rails on each side. The background is a clear, bright sky.

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

John 14:6

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B. The Father is the Vinedresser



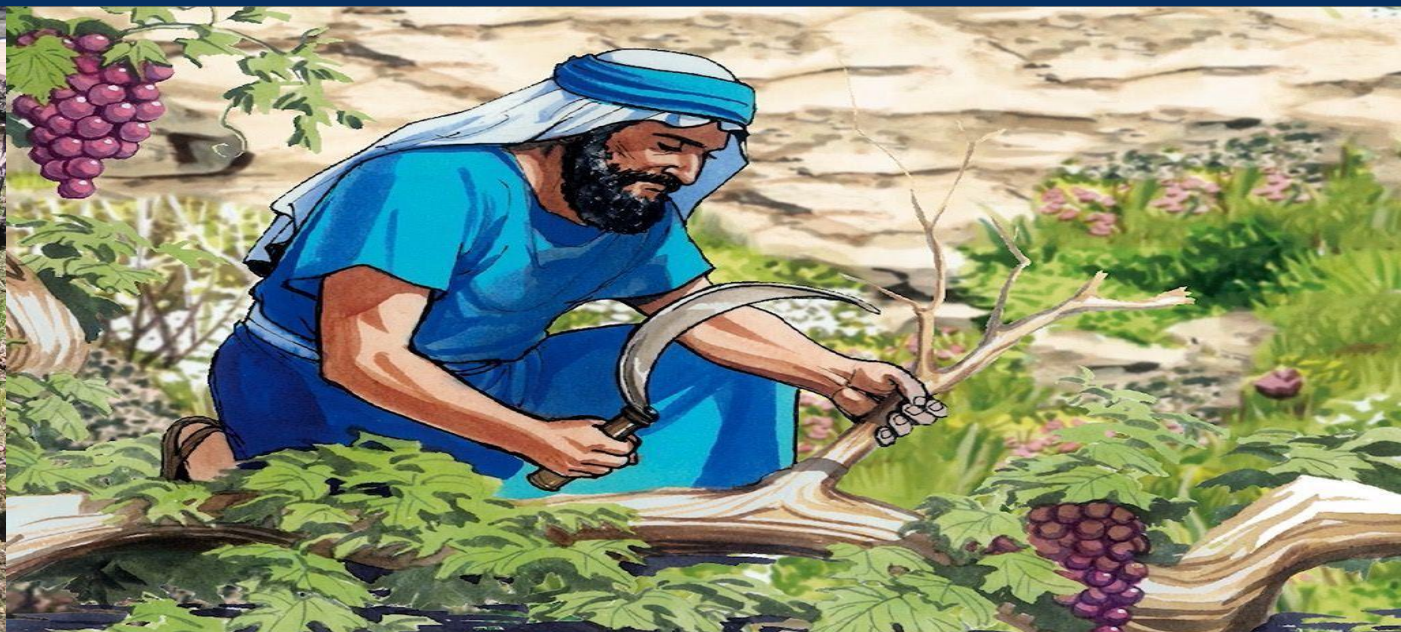
1. Remove the dead branches that were not bearing fruit.
2. Prune those that were producing fruit, to enable them to produce even more.

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4 Steps of Pruning, by a Vinedresser

1. Remove the tips of the vigorous shoots.
2. Cut off 1-2 feet from the end of the shoot.
3. Remove some of the flowers.
4. Remove the suckers.



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God Prunes Us

- a. Through Trials & Challenges. They convey dependency upon Him.
- b. Through reading, studying, & mediating on His Word. We gain guidance, correction, and knowledge.
- c. Through Prayer. We grow in our relationship with Jesus
- d. Through Fellowship. With other believers who can offer support and accountability.
- e. Through Discipline. The Holy Spirit can redirect, refine, our behavior.
- f. Through our Service. It helps us to develop compassion and humility.

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Three Marks of a True Branch by John MacArthur

1. They Bear Fruit.
2. They Abide.
3. They Obey.

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Evidence of being a True Branch?

1. If we keep His commandments. 1st Jn 2:4-5
2. By demonstrating a love for others. 1st Jn 2:9-11
3. Our lives will demonstrate a pattern of righteousness. 1st Jn 2:29; 3:8-9

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Heb 12:7-11

7 “It is for discipline that you endure; God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom his father does not discipline? 8 But if you are without discipline, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. 9 Furthermore, we had earthly fathers to discipline us, and we respected them; shall we not much rather be subject to the Father of spirits, and live? 10 For they disciplined us for a short time as seemed best to them, but He disciplines us for our good, so that we may share His holiness. 11 All discipline for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness.”

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II. The Call to Abide –

Hebrews 4:12 “The Word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.”

1st Corinthians 3:1-2 “I brethren could not speak to you as to spiritual men, but as to men of flesh, as infants in Christ. I gave you milk to drink, not solid food; for you were not yet able to receive it. Indeed, even now you are not yet able.”

A. In Christ Alone -

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II. The Call to Abide –

A. In Christ Alone

B. The Appeal – vs. 5-7

1. to remain / abide in Christ because abiding in Christ is -
2. to continue – in perseverance, in faith
3. not with passivity / inactivity but producing fruit

Gal 5:22-26 “the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. ²⁴ Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. ²⁶ Let us not become boastful, challenging one another, envying one another.”

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II. The Call to Abide –

A. In Christ Alone

B. The Appeal –

C. Believers cannot bear fruit on their own – vs. 5

2nd Corinthians 4:16-17 *“Therefore we do not lose heart, but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day, for momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison.”*

2nd Corinthians 4:18 *“...while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal.”*

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II. The Call to Abide — vs. 4-7

A. In Christ Alone — vs. 4

B. The Appeal — vs. 5

C. Believers cannot bear fruit on their own — vs. 5-6

D. Ask —whatever you wish, and it will be done for you - vs.7

1. Through prayer — which must be consistent with His Person & Will —

2. Promised only to those who abide in & have a permanent relationship with Jesus as Lord.

3. By the specific commands from God's Word. Psalm 37:4-5

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C. Believers cannot bear fruit on their own – vs. 5

D. Ask –

III. The Purpose – vs. 8-11

A. To produce much fruit bringing glory to God the Father by

B. Proving to be Jesus' true believers and those,

C. Who abide in Jesus' love bring Him joy so that,

D. Our joy may be made full.

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Matt 15:18, *“But the things that proceed out of the mouth come from the heart, and those defile the man.”*

James 3:10, *“From the same mouth come both blessing and cursing, My brethren these things ought not to be this way.”*

Proverbs 4:23-24, *“Watch over your heart with all diligence for from it flow the springs of life. Put away from you a deceitful mouth and put devious speech far from you.”*

Matt 7:15-20 *Beware of the false prophets. Who come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. You will know them **by their fruits**. Grapes are not gathered from thorn bushes, nor figs from thistles, are they? So, every good tree bears good fruit, but the bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot produce bad fruit, nor can a bad tree produce good fruit. **Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.** So then, you will know them by their fruits.*

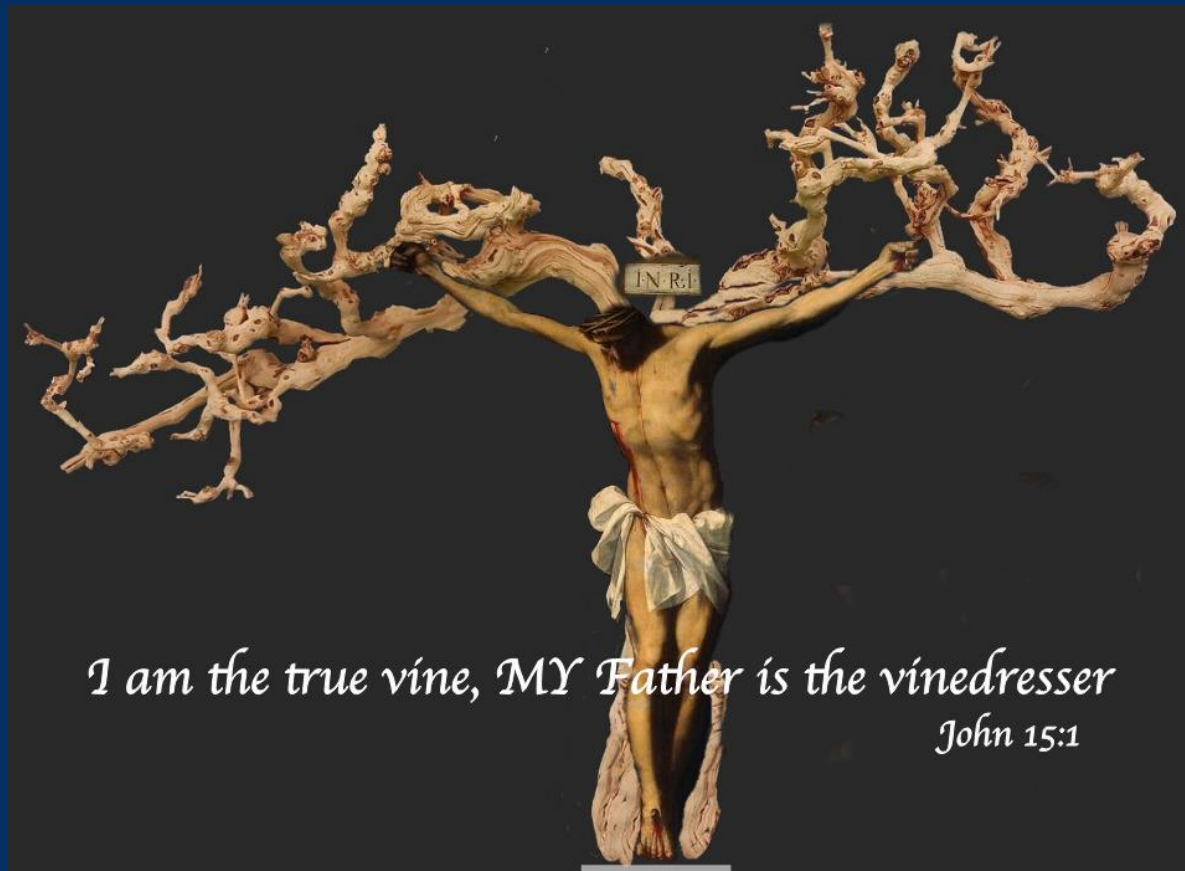
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APPLICATION:

Jesus says Abide in Him, by continuing to stay, to endure, to remain, and follow His example.

May we never see anything as being more beautiful or attractive than God's Word and who it reveals which is His Son Jesus Christ as The LORD The True Vine...



I am the true vine, MY Father is the vinedresser
John 15:1

“Living for Jesus”

Living for Jesus a life that is true, striving to please Him in all that I do, yielding allegiance, glad-hearted and free, this is the pathway of blessing for me.

Refrain:

O Jesus, Lord and Savior, I give myself to Thee; for Thou, in Thine atonement, didst give Thyself for me.

I own no other master; my heart shall be Thy throne.

My life I give, henceforth to live, O Christ, for Thee alone.

“Living for Jesus”

Living for Jesus, who died in my place, bearing on Calv'ry my sin and disgrace- such love constrains me to answer His call, follow His leading, and give Him my all.

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“Living for Jesus”

*Living for Jesus wherever I am, doing each duty in His holy name,
willing to suffer affliction or loss, deeming each trial a part of my cross!*

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“Living for Jesus”

Living for Jesus through earth's little while, my dearest treasure, the light of His smile, seeking the lost ones He died to redeem, bringing the weary to find rest in Him!

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