

John 15:5 "Get Busy Believers"

Jesus says to you today the same words he spoke to his disciples shortly before He went to the cross....

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. 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. You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If anyone does not remain in me, he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up thrown into the fire and burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you.

This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples." John 15:1-8

If we are one with Christ, we are to bear fruit. We were not created to have secondhand experiences or watch from the sidelines-and if we live that way....God receives no glory because there is no fruit. Remember that Jesus was speaking to believers here- his chosen disciples. The branches He speaks of that wither up and get thrown into the fire and burned....those are believers who do not remain in him! So what does 'remain in him' mean? This is gonna hurt cause it's a kick in the tail to me!

1. We separate ourselves from Christ anytime (no matter how big or small the sin) we have unrepentant sin in our lives. Our Father cannot look upon sin. The word says God will turn his face from us...until we humble ourselves, pray, confess, repent, grieve, "submit to God, Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Come near to God and he will come near to you." James 4:7

2. When We don't stay in God's living word daily. Jesus walked with his people- teaching them about His ways. When He ascended into Heaven and left this earth...he so mercifully left for us HIS LIVING WORD! 2 TIM. SAYS: All scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."

The Spirit urges me to "spur" you on! We are supposed to do this (Hebrews 10:25)!-spur and encourage one another....in great love- which I have for you. So, I pray today that if you feel "withered" draw near to your Father, repent and open His precious living word.

I do love you all dearly. May you stand before God today...totally broken, tattered, torn, tired, and allow Him to use you!