

Experiencing God, Pt. 3 (Abide During Pruning)

When God is pruning it is painful and difficult.

- When I pray for patience God put me with a very demanding person...clip ... Romans 5:3
- When I pray for obedience and God sends suffering...clip... Hebrews 5:8
- When I pray for strength and then I am scheduled for surgery...clip....2 Corinthians 12:9
- When I pray for humility and then I am falsely accused...clip...Isaiah 53:7; 1Peter 2:23
- When I pray for faith then some love one is diagnose with terminal illness...clip...Habakkuk 2:4, 3:16-19

When you are under the shears of the Gardner you might even think Satan is working against you. As a result, many Christians leave. They leave God's presence. They quit doing what they know is right. But if you abide, remain, or stay connected to the vine, your pruning will result in promotion or fruit bearing.

John 15:4-10

Remain [Abide] in me, and I will remain [abide] in you. A branch cannot produce fruit alone [by itself] but must remain [abide] in the vine. In the same way, you cannot produce fruit alone but must remain [abide] in me. (John 15:4, Expanded Bible)

"I am the vine, and you are the branches. If any remain [abide] in me and I remain [abide] in them, they produce much fruit. But without [apart from] me they can do nothing. (John 15:5, Expanded Bible)

If any do not remain [abide] in me, they are like a branch that is thrown away and then dies [withers; dries up]. People pick up [gather together] dead branches, throw them into the fire, and burn them. (John 15:6, Expanded Bible)

If you remain [abide] in me and follow my teachings [my words abide/remain in you], you can ask anything you want, and it will be given to [be done for; come to] you. (John 15:7, Expanded Bible)

You should produce much fruit and show that you are [or become] my followers [disciples], which brings glory to [glorifies] my Father. (John 15:8, Expanded Bible)

I loved you as the Father loved me. Now remain [abide] in my love. (John 15:9, Expanded Bible)

I have obeyed [kept] my Father's commands, and I remain [abide] in his love. In the same way, if you obey [keep] my commands, you will remain [abide] in my love. (John 15:10, Expanded Bible)

The key to Experiencing God as a Fruit Bearing Branch is to **ABIDE**

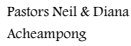
ABIDE (Greek: “*menow*”), which means to staying intimately connected, hangout, loiter, or remain.

Illustration

Baby grows in the mother's womb because she or he is fed through the umbilical cord. If there was a breach in the umbilical cord there will be a shrinking of life. It is the ongoing connection between the mother and the baby that the baby grows and become fruitful.

Most people give God visitation hours. We visit God every Sunday morning. We make a quick phone call during the week but we don't abide. We must learn to abide.

You are being Pruned for Promotion so stay connected. Don't walk away.



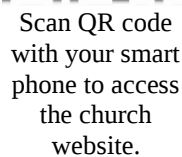
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