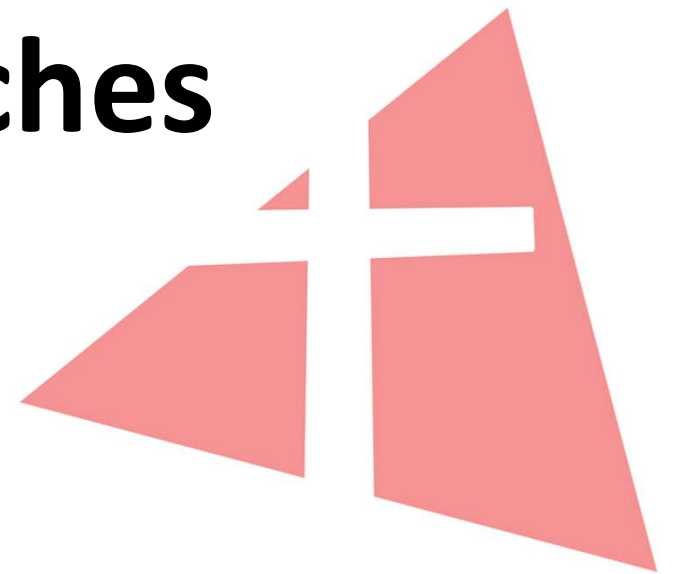


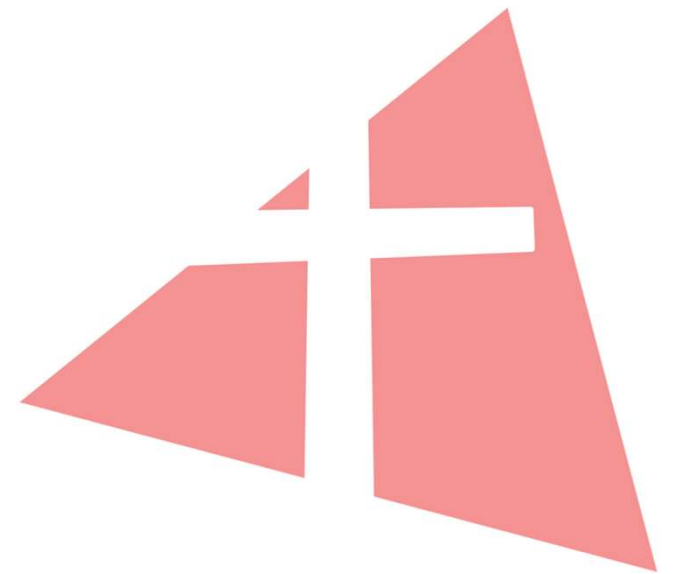
# The Vine and the Branches

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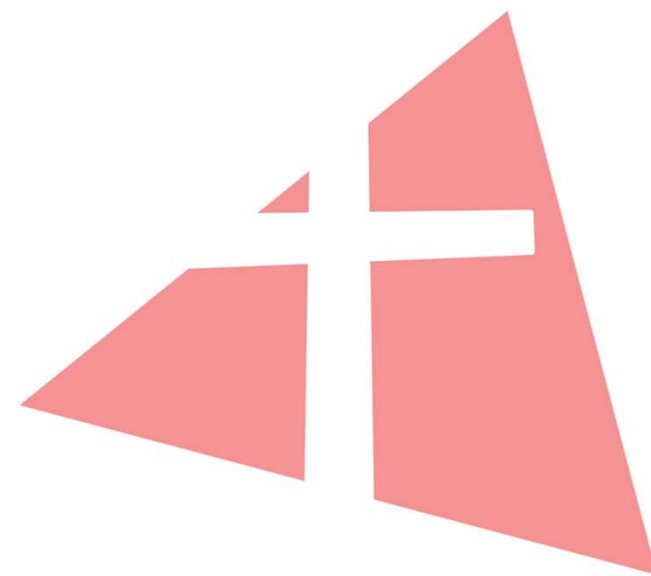
# Our Series: The Gospel of John

- **Two lives to choose from**
- **Jesus washes the disciples feet**



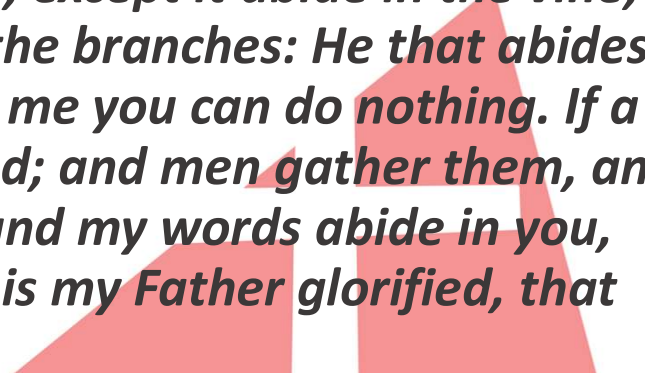
# Today's Focus

- **The Vine and the Branches**



# Today's Passage

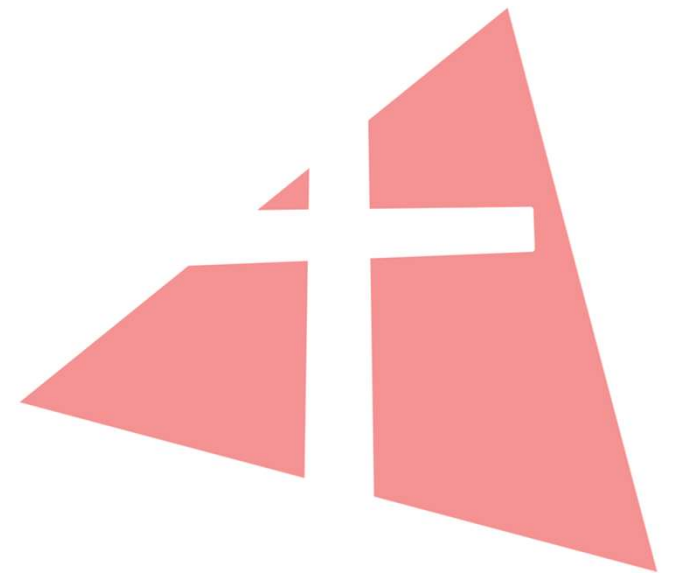
*John 15:1-8 I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine dresser. Every branch in me that bears not fruit he takes away: and every branch that bears fruit, he prunes it, that it may bring forth more fruit. Now you are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can you, except you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches: He that abides in me, and I in him, the same brings forth much fruit: for without me you can do nothing. If a man abides not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, you shall ask what you will, and it shall be done unto you. In this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit; so shall you be my disciples.*





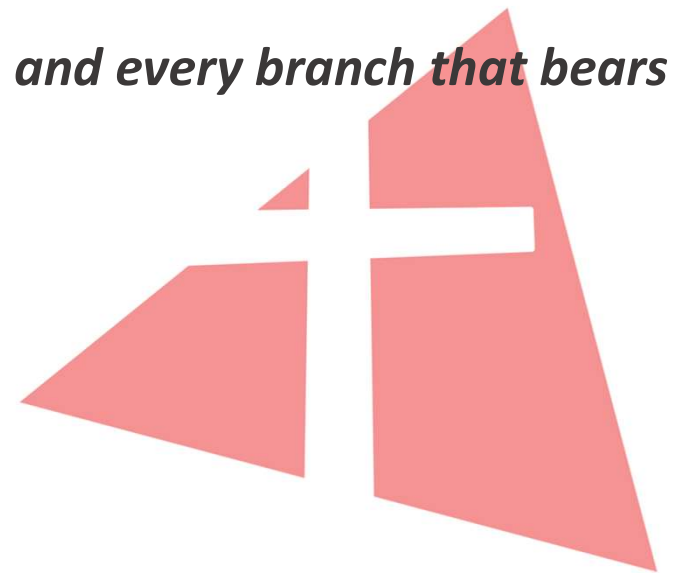
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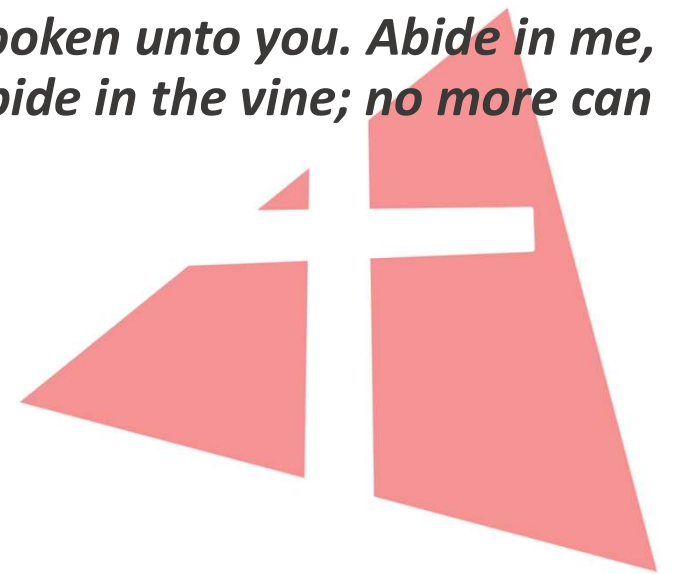
# Pruning

*John 15:2 Every branch in me that bears not fruit he takes away: and every branch that bears fruit, he prunes it, that it may bring forth more fruit.*



# Abiding in Jesus

*John 15:3-4 Now you are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can you, except you abide in me.*

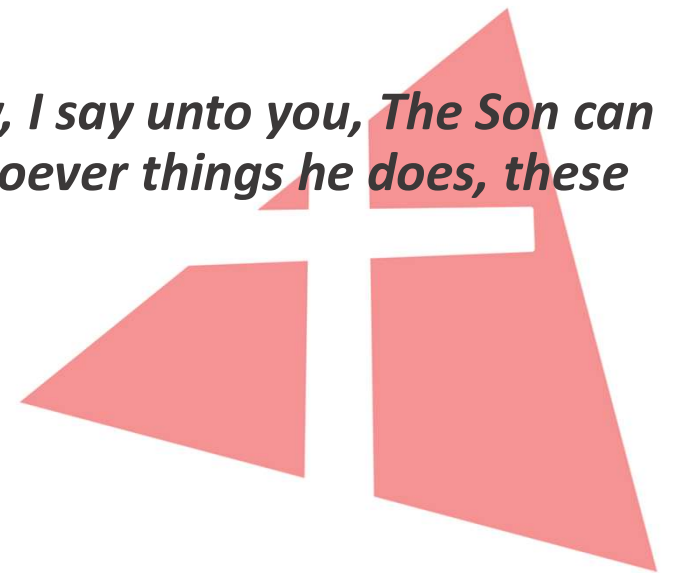




# Fruit in Abiding

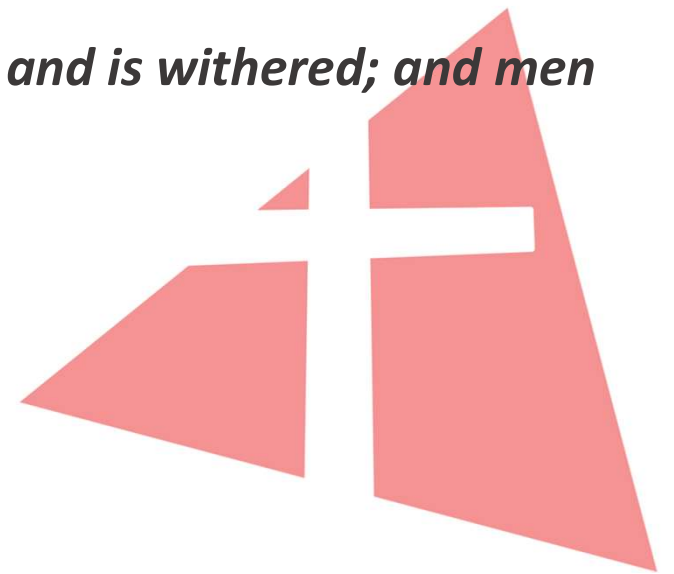
*John 15:5 I am the vine, you are the branches: He that abides in me, and I in him, the same brings forth much fruit: for without me you can do nothing.*

*John 5:19 Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he sees the Father do: for whatsoever things he does, these also does the Son likewise.*



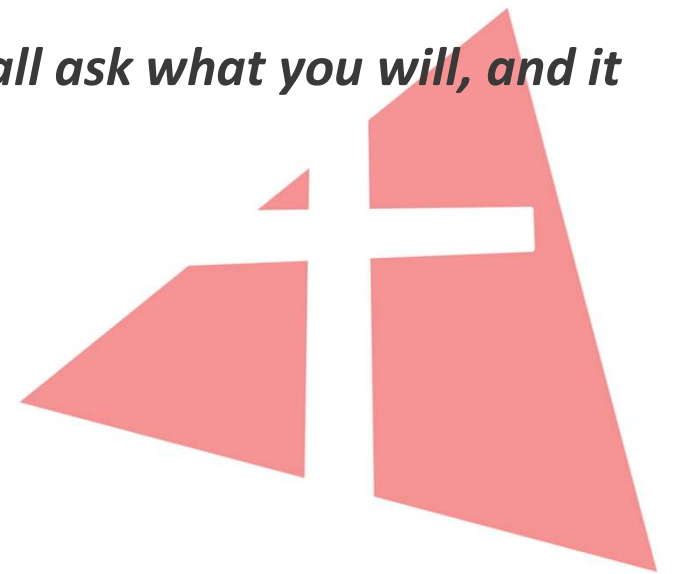
# Not Abiding in Jesus

*John 15:6 If a man abides not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.*



# Abiding and Prayer

*John 15:7 If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, you shall ask what you will, and it shall be done unto you.*



# Fruit and God's Glory

*John 15:8 In this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit; so shall you be my disciples.*



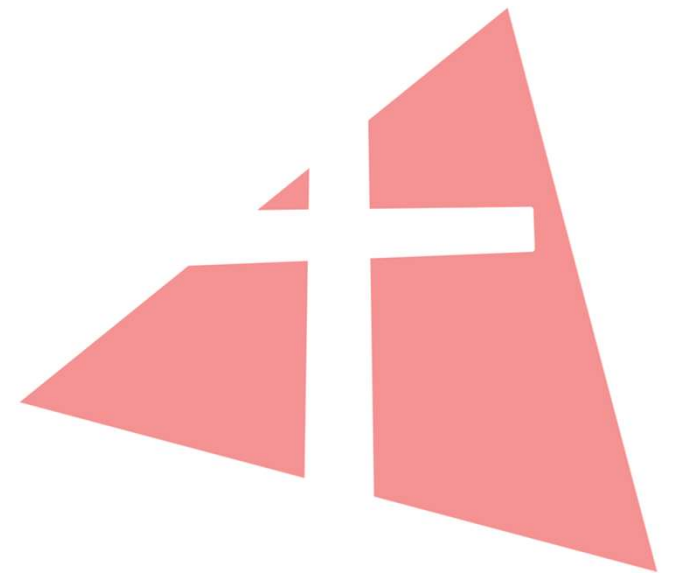
# What is the Fruit?

*Galatians 5:22-23 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, self-control: against such there is no law.*



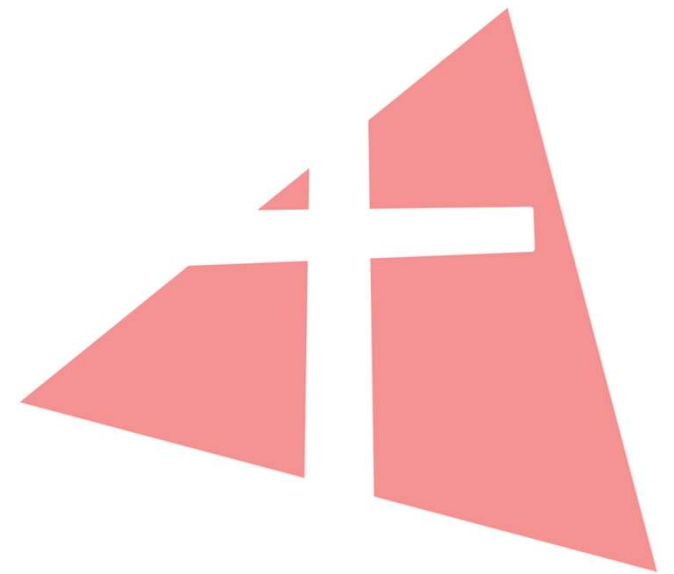
# The Parable of the Rose Bush

- A true story (not from the Bible)



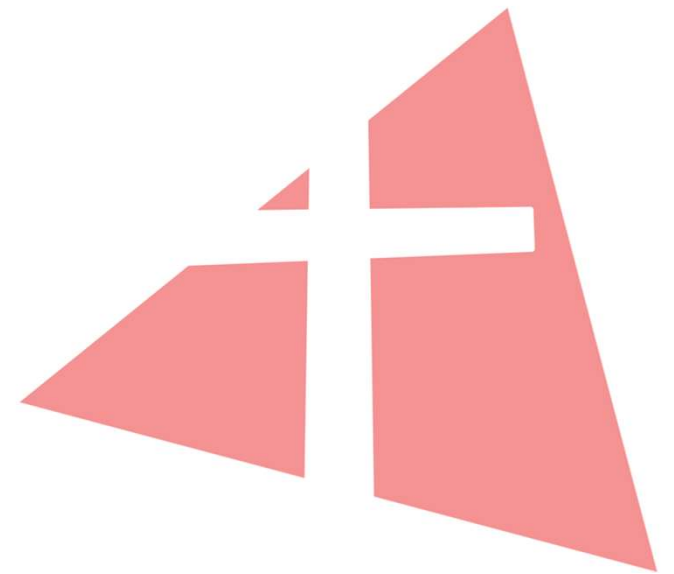
# What to do?

- **Ask God to give us a new heart**
- **Return to “abiding in Jesus”**



# Abiding in Jesus

- **Seeking Guidance from Jesus**
- **Seeking Strength from Jesus**





# In Conclusion

- **“Bearing good fruit” is evidence of our Faith**
- **We can only bear fruit if we abide in Jesus**

