

# Abiding in the Vine .....John 15

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**Part #1. Intro to Vines**

**2015...start of year**



# Part #1. My Vine Story

**2016 vine-**

**a. Grew well**

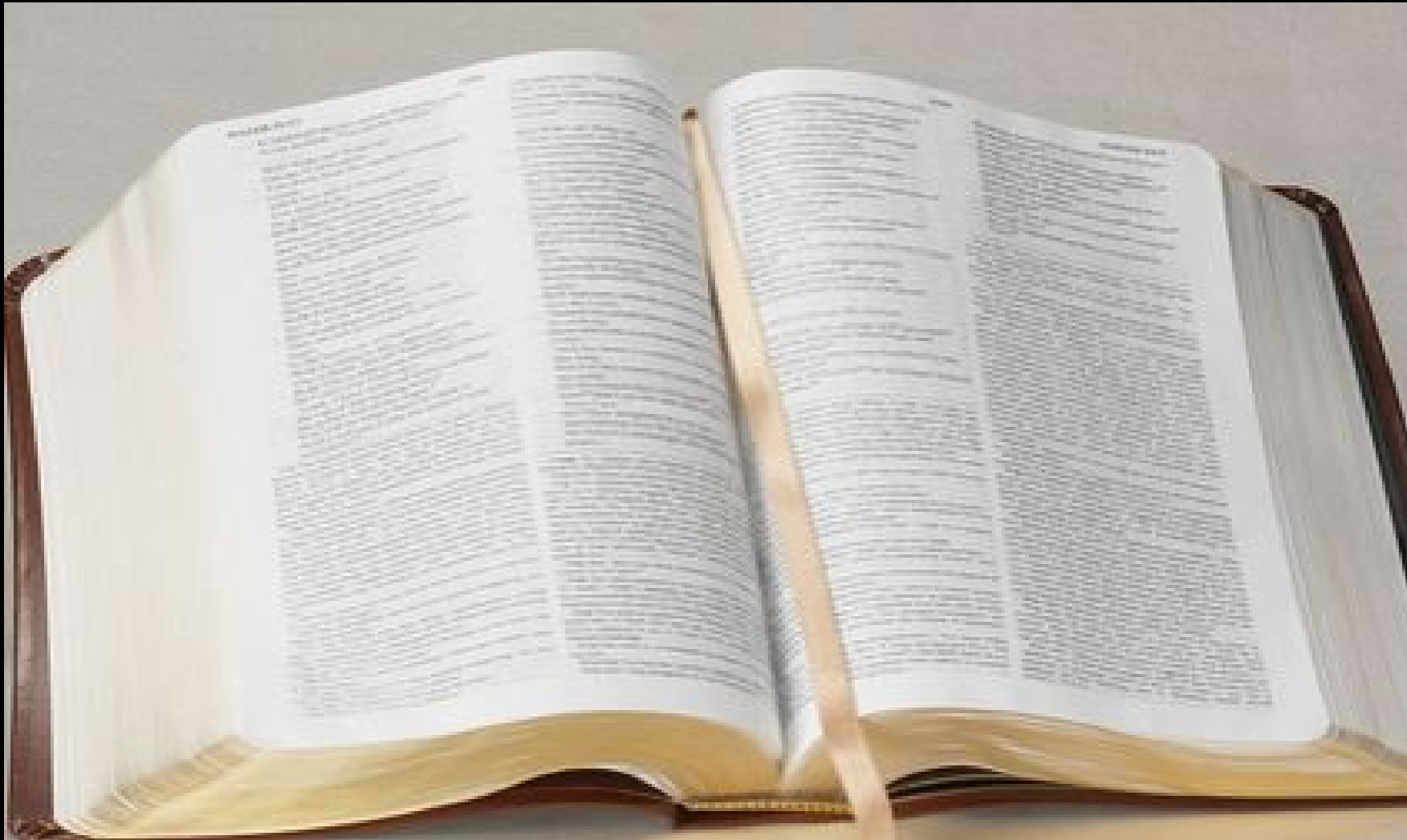
**b. Produced 2 small  
Clusters of grapes**

**c. changed the soil**

**d. Didn't water as  
Much.**



"I am the true vine, and  
My Father is the vine dresser."  
(John 15:1)



I am the Bread of Life (Jn. 6:35)

I am the Light of the World (Jn.8:12)

I am the Door (Jn. 10:7)

I am the Good Shepherd (Jn. 10:11)

I am the Resurrection and Life (Jn.11: 11:25)

I am the Way, Truth and Life (Jn. 14:6)

I am the Vine (Jn. 15:1)



# Part #2. The Context of this Chapter

John 14:31 “Arise..  
.let us be going.....



# Part #2. The Vineyard is Israel

**#1. Is. 5:7** “For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts *is* the house of Israel.

**#2. Ez. 15:** “Like the wood of the vine...I have given up the inhabitants of Jerusalem.”

**#3. Ps. 80:** “O God of Hosts, look down and see and visit this vine ...which you have planted.”

1 "I am the truthful vine and my Father is the farmer. 2 Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He lifts up, and every branch that bears fruit He cleanses it that it may bear more fruit. 3 You are already clean through the Word which I have spoken to you. 4 Remain in me and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit if it is cut off and away by itself except it remain attached to the vine, no more can you unless you remain in Me.

Part #3.

Are we Pruned or Cleansed?



Joh 13:10 Jesus said to him, He that is washed needs not save to wash *his* feet, but is clean G2513 every whit: and you are clean, G2513 but not all.

Kathair from which we get the word catharsis referring to a cleansing process...This is the word used by Jesus when He said of his disciples following the washing of their feet in John 13, that they were “now clean or Kathairs through the Word.”

# John 15:2

“Every branch he purges (prunes) (G2508), that it may bring forth more fruit.

v. 3 Now you are clean (2513) through the word which I have spoken to you.

# Part #3. Are we Pruned or Cleansed?

Illustration:



# Part #3. Are we Pruned or Cleansed?

In vineyards, it is not uncommon for branches to become so heavy with fruit that they sag to the ground, leaving stem vulnerable to

the mud from the rainy season sure to follow.

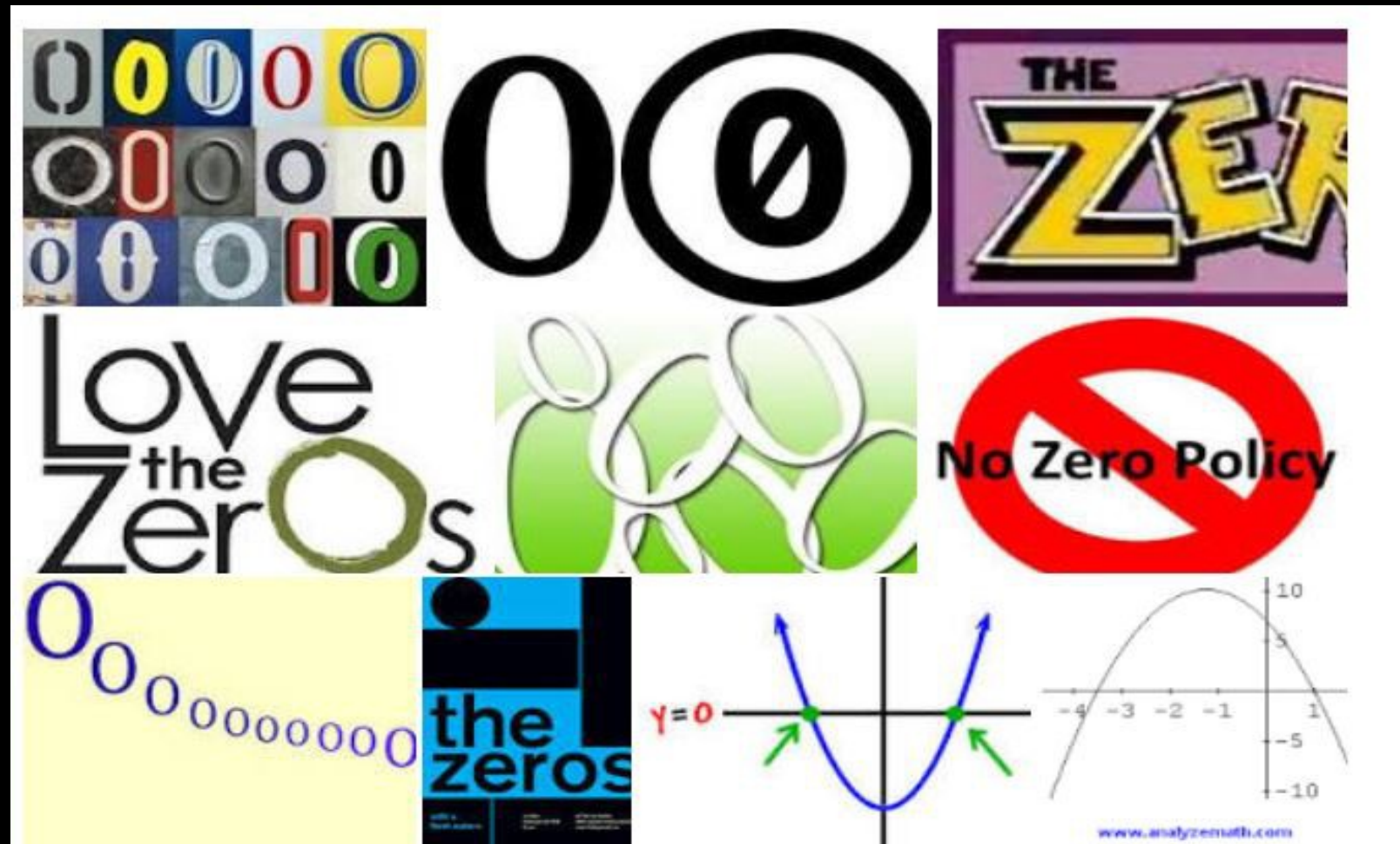
Consequently, the vine dresser, seeing a branch in the mud, lifts it up, braces it with string or cord or a pole, and washes the mud off the fruit..lovingly, tenderly, carefully



5 "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who remain in Me and I in him, bears much fruit, for apart from Me you are able to do nothing. 6 Unless a man remain in Me, he is thrown out just like a branch which has shrivelled, and they throw these into the fire where they are consumed. 7 If you remain in Me, and my Words remain in you, *just* ask whatever you desire, and it shall be caused to be done for you!

# Part #4. How much can we do for God?

v. 6 “for without Me you can do nothing”



# Part #5. Consequences for Abiding

## #1. Fruit

### Six Types of Fruit we grow-

#1. The Fruit of Character...  
of the Spirit. Gal. 5:22, 23





## #2. The Fruit of others won for Jesus:

Jn. 4:35 “Lift up your eyes...white to harvest!”



# #3. The Fruit of Holiness:

Rom. 6:22 “you have your fruit to holiness”



# #4. The Fruit of Personal Giving:

1 Cor. 9:7 “plants a vineyard, and does not eat its fruit!”



# #5. The Fruit of Praise:

Heb. 13:15 “Let us offer...the fruit of our lips in giving thanks to His Name”



# #6. The Fruit of Righteous Living

James 3:18 “the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by them that make peace”



# 2nd Consequence Abiding- Answered Prayer!

Jn. 15:7 “Just ask whatever you desire, and it shall be done for you!”



# 3rd Consequence of Remaining- The Love of God!

Jn. 15:9 “Just as the Father has loved me even so I have much loved you...remain in my love!”

**Story of John Knox-**



# 4th Consequence of Remaining-

## Joy from God!



**Jn. 15:11 “that my joy may remain in you and your joy might be full”**



# 5th Consequence of Remaining-Intimacy with God!

**Jn. 15:15 “all things whatsoever I have heard from the Father I have declared to you”**

**How intimate are you?**

**Shall I hide from Abraham what I am doing”?  
(Genesis 18:17)**



# 6th Consequence of Remaining- Persecution from Enemies

**18 "If the world detests you, you know that it detested Me first. 19 If you were out from the world, this world would be friendly toward its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out from this world, therefore the world detests you. 20 Remember the Word (LOGOS) that I said to you, 'The slave is not greater than his Lord.' If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. If they kept My Word (LOGOS), they will keep yours also.**

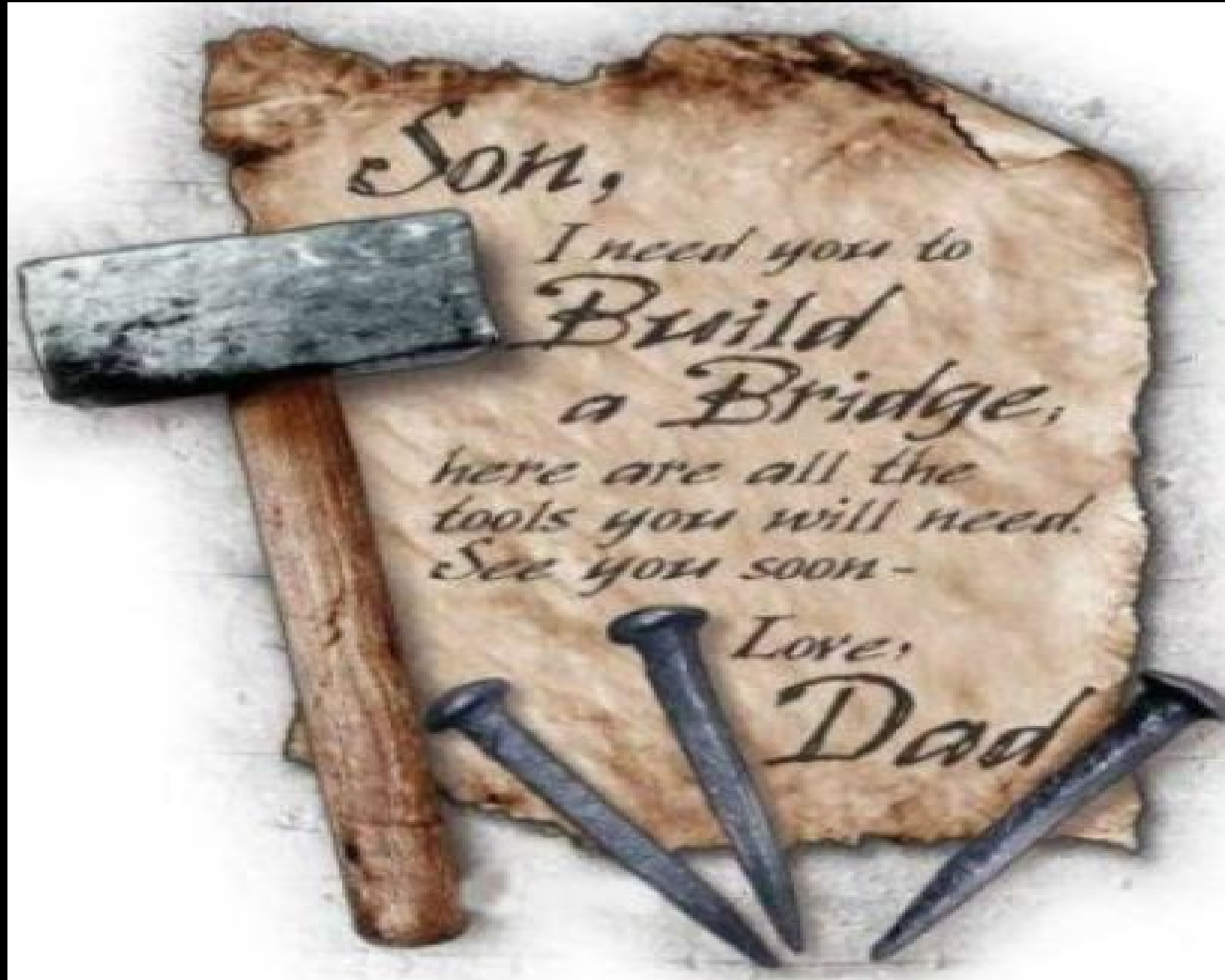
# 7th Consequence of Abiding “Witnessing for Jesus”

25 But this happened that the word might be fulfilled which is written in their law, 'They detested Me without a cause.' (Lam. 3:52) 26 "But when the Comforter (paraclete) comes, which shall come out out from the Father, the Truthful Spirit who proceeds from the Father, He shall witness of Me. 27 And you also will bear witness, because you have been with Me from the beginning.

Conclusion: Are you abiding in Jesus? Are you even attached to Jesus?

Jn. 10:10 “I have come that they may have life, and that they may have *it* more abundantly.”

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