

MESSAGE NOTES

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MESSAGE SERIES: JESUS SAID WORDS IN RED WEEK TWO: "REMAIN IN ME"

"⁴ Remain in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me. ⁵ Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ Anyone who does not remain in me is thrown away like a useless branch and withers. Such branches are gathered into a pile to be burned. ⁷ But if you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask for anything you want, and it will be granted! ⁸ When you produce much fruit, you are my true disciples. This brings great glory to my Father." JOHN 15:4-8

FOLLOWING JESUS INVOLVES

1. _____ in Christ" = "abide" or "live in me"

- Is used 5 times in these 8 verses
- Involves a _____, intimate relationship with Jesus = not a "one and done" event
- Means to stay, dwell, or to rest
- Encompasses aligning your _____ heart with the heart of Jesus
- Is a call to fully _____ the Christian life

HOW IMPORTANT IS IT TO REMAIN IN JESUS?

- Not an _____ of discipleship
- It's the _____ when it comes to having a relationship with or following Jesus
- Is being connected to Jesus' words _____ his love
You cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me." (v. 4)
"Apart from me you can do nothing." (v. 5)

- It is _____ over time
 - It _____ on the inside and flows outward
 - It is a matter of the _____
 - It shapes our _____
 - It is a _____ of life = not about rule keeping but relationship building
 - It happens as we spend time _____ ourselves in Scripture discovering the heart of God
 - It happens as we _____ a vibrant prayer life
 - It happens as we _____ in God's presence

2. _____ = "producing fruit"

- _____ you are motivates _____ you do
- Our doing flows _____ our being

"Don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves." JAS 1:22

- Followers of Jesus are _____ (JOHN 13:35)
- Followers of Jesus are _____ (MAT 6:15; LUK 6:37)
- Followers of Jesus are _____ (2 COR 8:6-7)
- Followers of Jesus are _____ (MAT 28:19)
- Followers of Jesus are _____ (2 PET 4:10)

THE APPLICATION

"Dear children, let's not merely say that we love each other; let us show the truth by our actions." 1 JOHN 3:18

- "BEING" and "DONG" are deeply _____
"WHEN you produce much fruit, you are my true disciples. This brings great glory to my Father." (v. 8)