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Part 11 - The Vine and  
The Vinedresser #2





# How We Become A Cut Above



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# 1. Accept That God Knows Who's Who





*Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit...*

*- John 15:2, 6 ESV*



***...If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned.***

***- John 15:2, 6 ESV***



***But God's firm foundation stands,  
bearing this seal: "The Lord knows  
those who are his," and,  
"Let everyone who names the name  
of the Lord depart from iniquity."***

***- 2 Timothy 2:19 ESV***



*They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us.*

*But they went out, that it might become plain that they all are not of us.*

*- 1 John 2:19 ESV*



***Go up through her vine rows and  
destroy but make not a full end;  
strip away her branches,  
for they are not the Lord's.***

***- Jeremiah 5:10 ESV***



# 2. Nourish the Relationship Through Loving Obedience





*As the Father has loved me,  
so have I loved you. Abide in my love.  
If you keep my commandments,  
you will abide in my love,  
just as I have kept my Father's  
commandments and abide in his love.*

*- John 15:9-10 ESV*



***All who indulge in a sinful life are dangerously lawless, for sin is a major disruption of God's order. Surely you know that Christ showed up in order to get rid of sin. There is no sin in him, and sin is not part of his program...***

***- 1 John 3:4-7, 14, 24 MSG***



***...No one who lives deeply in Christ makes a practice of sin. None of those who do practice sin have taken a good look at Christ. They've got him all backward. So, my dear children, don't let anyone divert you from the truth...***

***- 1 John 3:4-7, 14, 24 MSG***



*...It's the person who acts right who is right, just as we see it lived out in our righteous Messiah....The way we know we've been transferred from death to life is that we love our brothers and sisters. Anyone who doesn't love is as good as dead...*

*- 1 John 3:4-7, 14, 24 MSG*



***...As we keep his commands,  
we live deeply and surely in him,  
and he lives in us. And this is how we  
experience his deep and abiding  
presence in us: by the Spirit  
he gave us.***

***- 1 John 3:4-7, 14, 24 MSG***



# 3. Embrace the Reality of Pruning





***Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit.***

***- John 15:2 ESV***



***But if we walk in the light,  
God himself being the light,  
we also experience a shared life with  
one another, as the sacrificed blood of  
Jesus, God's Son, purges all our sin...***

***- 1 John 1:7-9 MSG***



***...If we claim that we're free of sin,  
we're only fooling ourselves.  
A claim like that is errant nonsense...***

***- 1 John 1:7-9 MSG***



*...On the other hand, if we admit our sins—make a clean breast of them—he won't let us down; he'll be true to himself. He'll forgive our sins and purge us of all wrongdoing.*

*- 1 John 1:7-9 MSG*



*He gave his life to free us from every kind of sin, to cleanse us, and to make us his very own people, totally committed to doing good deeds.*

*- Titus 2:14 NLT*



# What Are His Pruning Knives?



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# - Scripture





*For the word of God is living  
and active, sharper than any two-  
edged sword, piercing to the division  
of soul and of spirit, of joints and of  
marrow, and discerning the thoughts  
and intentions of the heart.*

*- Hebrews 4:12*



# - Suffering





***Before I was afflicted, I went astray,  
but now I keep your word...  
It is good for me that I was afflicted,  
that I might learn your statutes...***

***- Psalm 119:67, 71, 75 ESV***



***...I know, O LORD, that your rules are  
righteous, and that in faithfulness  
you have afflicted me.***

***- Psalm 119:67, 71, 75 ESV***



***And you have forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as children— “My child, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, or lose heart when you are punished by him...***

***- Hebrews 12:5-6 NRSV***



***...for the Lord disciplines those  
whom he loves, and chastises every  
child whom he accepts.”***

***- Hebrews 12:5-6 NRSV***



- Stupidity





***Foolishness is bound to the heart  
of a youth; a rod of discipline will  
separate it from him.***

***- Proverbs 22:15 CSB***



***Experiencing many corrections  
and rebukes will make you wise.***

***But if left to your own ways,  
you'll bring disgrace to your parents.***

***- Proverbs 29:15 TPT***



*And we confidently know that God causes all things to work together as a plan for good for those who love God, to those who are called according to His plan and purpose.*

*- Romans 8:28*



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- Release Lesser Things



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- Trust His Agenda



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# When I Feel Cut On, I Should...

- Release Lesser Things
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- Cling to The Vine



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