

**Series: THE POWER OF 'RE'**  
**Part 4: "REMAIN"**  
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*"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. <sup>2</sup> He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. <sup>3</sup> You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup> Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.*

*<sup>5</sup> "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup> If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. <sup>7</sup> If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup> This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.*

*<sup>9</sup> "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. <sup>10</sup> If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. <sup>11</sup> I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.*

John 15:1-11 (NIV)

**We "Remain in Christ" by...**

- Developing our \_\_\_\_\_ with Jesus

**Four Essentials for a Growing, Personal Connection with Jesus:**

**1. Be \_\_\_\_\_**

*<sup>16</sup> You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last*

John 15:16a (NIV)

*<sup>2</sup> He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful.*

John 15:2 (NIV)

*<sup>37</sup> All those the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away.*

John 6:37 (NIV)

**2. Embrace \_\_\_\_\_**

**God wants to remove \_\_\_\_\_**

**I will cooperate with Him by \_\_\_\_\_**

**3. Invest time in \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_**

*<sup>7</sup> If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.*

John 15:7 (NIV)

*<sup>35</sup> Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed.*

Mark 1:35 (NIV)

*<sup>9</sup> "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. <sup>10</sup> If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love.*

John 15:9-10 (NIV)

**4. Practice \_\_\_\_\_ to Jesus**

**Closing Challenge:**

**My next step is \_\_\_\_\_**

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