

### #3. BE DEVOTED!

#### RESOLUTION

- 1) The act of resolving or determining upon an action, course of action, method, procedure, etc.
- 2) A resolve; a decision.
- 3) **The mental state or quality of being resolved or resolute; firmness of purpose.**

“Commit to the LORD **whatever you do**, and **he will establish your plans.**” - Proverbs 16:3 NIV

“But **seek first** his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.” - Matthew 6:33 NIV

Training your body helps you in some ways. But **devotion to God** helps you in every way. It brings you blessings in this life and in the future life too. - 1 Timothy 4:8 ERV

- The quality of your \_\_\_\_\_ determines the quality of your \_\_\_\_\_.
- WHEN FACED WITH \_\_\_\_\_ (this situation),  
I HAVE RESOLVED TO \_\_\_\_\_ (take this action).

They **devoted** themselves to the **apostles’ teaching** and to **fellowship**, to the **breaking of bread** and to **prayer**... praising God and **enjoying the favor** of all the people. - Acts 2:42,46 NIV

“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.**” - John 15:5 NIV

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

- Galatians 5:22-23 NIV

Do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in **newness of life**. - Romans 6:3-4 NKJV

“**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.**” - John 15:4 NIV

#### BE THE BRANCH!

1. Schedule A \_\_\_\_\_ !
2. Choose A \_\_\_\_\_ !
3. Select A \_\_\_\_\_ !

21-DAY FAST — Day 7 - Sundown, February 12<sup>th</sup>

#### CHOOSE YOUR OWN FAST

- Sacrifice Food
- Sacrifice Something Else

“Fasting is a choice you and I can make to interrupt ‘life as usual’ in order to hear [from] God.” - Jentezen Franklin

#### DISCUSSION GUIDE

- What are some of the different activities you spend time on throughout the week?
- When you think about Jesus calling himself the vine and us the branches, what does that bring up for you?
- Which part of this message was most impactful for you and why?
- Read Acts 2:42-46. What does it mean to be devoted to Jesus? How does your life compare to the lives of these early followers of Christ?
- What are some ways that you practice being devoted to Jesus throughout the week? Talk about some differences between being partially devoted and fully devoted?

- Describe a time or moment when you felt close to God. How does that time compare to your life right now, and what might need to change in your life to begin feeling close to God again?
- Discuss your fast with the group—what are you fasting FROM and what are you fasting FOR?

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