



LIVE JOY FULL

JOHN 15:11

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**That sounds
painful!**



Growth hurts.



Growth pains are worth it.

19 As many as I love, I rebuke and discipline.

Revelation 3 CSB

**20 Listen to counsel and receive instruction
so that you may be wise later in life.**

Proverbs 19 CSB

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to those who have been trained by it.**

Hebrews 12 CSB

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John 15 CSB

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¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you. I appointed you to go and produce fruit and that your fruit should remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he will give you.

Prayer in Jesus' name is not merely a simple using of the name of Jesus. Abiding in Jesus, the Vine, and praying in his name implies that the petitioner has become aligned with the spirit and nature of Jesus so that requesting something out of line with the nature of Jesus would here be completely excluded from consideration. Such praying receives the anticipated results not because of the petitioner's worthiness but because of the intimate relationship of the petitioner to Jesus.

– G.L. Borchert, *John 12-21*



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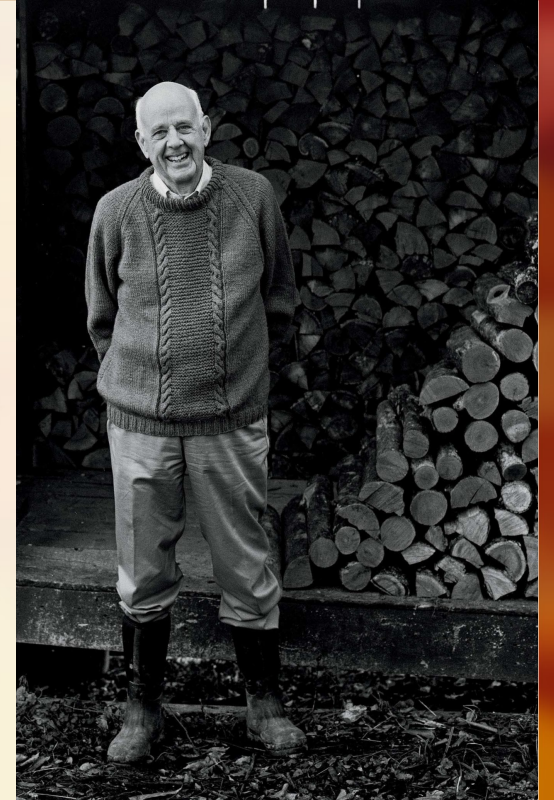
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Such work [for God's glory] is unifying, healing. It brings us home from pride and from despair, and places us responsible within the human estate. It defines us as we are: not too good to work with our bodies, but too good to work poorly or joylessly or selfishly or alone.

– Wendell Berry, *The Art of the Commonplace*



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αἶρω airo = to lift up, to bear away from land or earth.

Jesus is describing either the physical death of an unproductive believer (who is lifted up to heaven) or the propping up of an unproductive Christian. The productive branches are pruned.

Most vines today grow on trellises, but in the Middle East Renee and I have seen vines being lifted off the ground with rocks. The stones are placed strategically under the main stock, thrusting the fruit-bearing parts into the air and off the ground. That's closer to Jesus' image of branches being lifted up. It's all about fruitfulness, so the unproductive are lifted and the productive are pruned. – Thomas Campbell



¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, moral impurity, promiscuity, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, hatreds, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambitions, dissensions, factions, ²¹ envy, drunkenness, carousing, and anything similar. I am warning you about these things—as I warned you before—that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, and self-control.

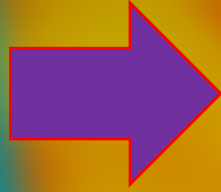
Galatians 5 CSB

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IMAGINE IF YOU WILL



What?! Didn't you like my roses? I bloomed for you, and now you are cutting me! You aren't just removing the dead flower...you are ripping me all the way back here! Are you crazy?

Pruning is a reward.

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How can I ever feel good about that? I love well; therefore, God *rewards* me with new people that are even harder to love!

¹ Therefore, since we also have such a large cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us lay aside every hindrance and the sin that so easily ensnares us. Let us run with endurance the race that lies before us, ² keeping our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. For the joy that lay before him, he endured the cross, despising the shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. ³ For consider him who endured such hostility from sinners against himself, so that you won't grow weary and give up. ⁴ In struggling against sin, you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood.

Hebrews 12 CSB

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My son, do not take the Lord's discipline lightly or lose heart when you are reprovved by him,

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Over the history of the NBA, the home team has won 62% of the time.



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Greek: τελειωτής teliotes = someone who finishes; one who brings a project to perfect completion

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Story Time

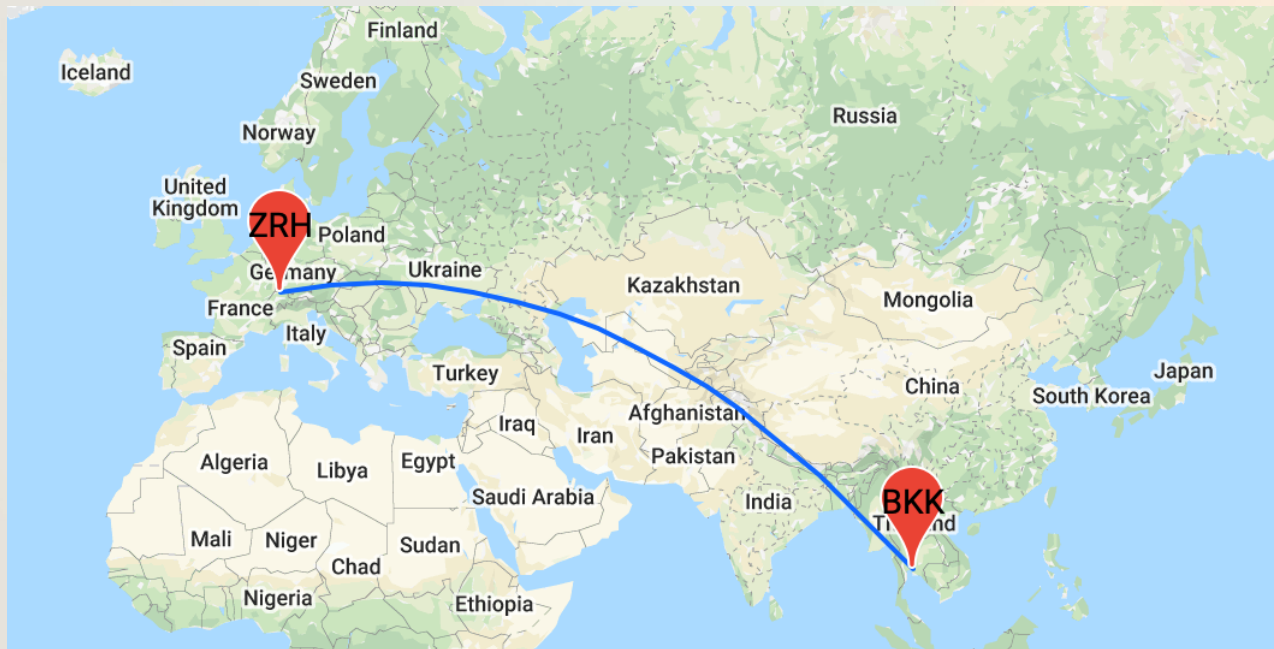






There was no one to stop her parents from selling Amelia to a sex trader.

A Swiss businessman and his wife paid the price for Amelia and took her to live with them in Switzerland.





Irrationally convinced that her family would eventually abandon or sell her, she would panic and pick fights. As she got older, Amelia even ran away.

Every time, her new parents would find her, calm her, and assure her of their unconditional love. Over Amelia's teen years, those panic attacks lessened.





courtesy backcountry



**Amelia didn't enjoy discipline.
She fought against any limitations.**



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Joy does not necessarily equal happiness. We need pruning to grow, be healthy and bear good fruit. This necessary pruning rarely feels pleasant. James 1:2-4 tells us to be joyful in various trials because of what they will produce. – Brian Behrman



Pastor Wayne, I said horrible things to you and [Elder] when you confronted me about [sin]. I did not like the way I was feeling and saw everything that could help me grow as oppressive. Like a fish that wants to walk on land, I tried to redefine righteousness. But after three years of being miserable, I am finally repenting. I was made to swim! If I submit to God, I can become a great swimming fish. But no matter what I do, I can never breathe on land.

I am again in a good church here in [far-away city]. Please forgive me and pray for me to focus on becoming a great swimmer in God's holiness.

**I have told you these things
so that you will be filled
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Yes, your joy will overflow!**

John 15:11 NLT

How we overflow with joy:

**abiding in Jesus
loving One another
bearing fruit, Y'all!**

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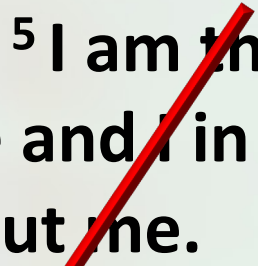
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Abiding in Jesus – LIVE

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Love & fruitfulness – FULL

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Greek: μένω meno = put down roots; build a positive home

A life void of true connection to God is meaningless. Even a life with temporary success or worldly fame apart from God is a mark of an empty life. Fruitful Christian living boils down to one word—abiding. The most important thing that any believer can do is to abide in Christ. As we abide, His Word takes root in our hearts and bears fruit in our lives. – Mark Yarborough, “The Secret to a Fruitful Life”

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Romans 6 NLT

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- **Jesus died.**
- **Jesus conquered death in resurrection.**
- **Death has no power over Him.**
- **Jesus lives for God's glory.**

Those who trust Him are spiritually placed in Him, since He serves as our substitute. Ergo:

- **We die with Him.**
- **We conquer in resurrection life.**
- **Sin (the original cause of all death) has no power over us if we think it through.**
- **We can live for God's glory if we think it through.**

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Romans 6 NLT

¹⁶ Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray constantly, ¹⁸ give thanks in everything; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5 CSB

How to abide:

- Trust Jesus.
- Consider yourself dead to sin and alive to God's glory.
- Rejoice always. Don't let anyone steal your joy.
- Pray all day. Specifically, remember you are in Christ every moment and talk with Him in light of that.
- Give thanks to God. Look for things about which you can give thanks and do so.



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Frisco Bible Church,

We love you and we appreciate how the living God is moving in your midst as you continue magnifying His holy name on the other side of the world. Keep up the good work you are doing there by edifying the body of Christ in fullness of Joy!

– Pastor Erick in Kenya

How to love one another:

- Recognize that this assignment to love is beyond our ability.
- Ask God for help all the time.
- Live and ask according to Jesus' will – the way love is expressed in John 15.
- Thank God for His perfect gifts which generate true love.
- Rinse. Repeat.



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and bearing fruit, Y'all!**

To bear fruit:

- **Keep the source and purpose in mind. Don't jump in to serving or giving in the flesh. Don't work for any motive other than praising God.**
- **Embrace pruning.**
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courtesy Staci Nichols



Monthly Opportunities:

Showers of Blessings – for local family in crisis pregnancy



Food Pacs – deliver to families with food insecurity



Laundry Love – provide wash & dry & conversation



Beehive Nursing Home – lead worship & interaction



Cornerstone Baptist – S. Dallas construction/feeding

Contact Denise Schager, Missions Director, dschager@friscobible.com



Seasonal Opportunities:



Provide presents & the gospel for kids worldwide

Provide gospel + winter clothes to local families



Provide one week of lunch and games for FISD kids

Go on or help fund a church mission trip.



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Ongoing Opportunities:

Serve with Frisco's crisis pregnancy center

Serve on the FBC Missions Executive Board



Mentor students aging out of foster care



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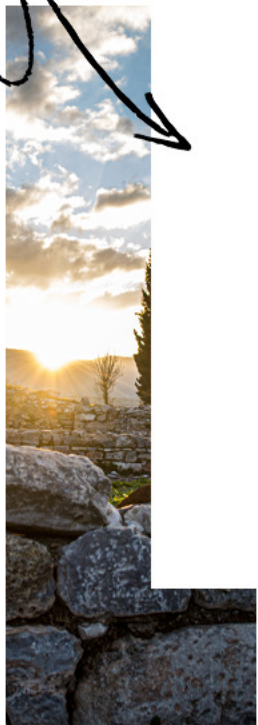
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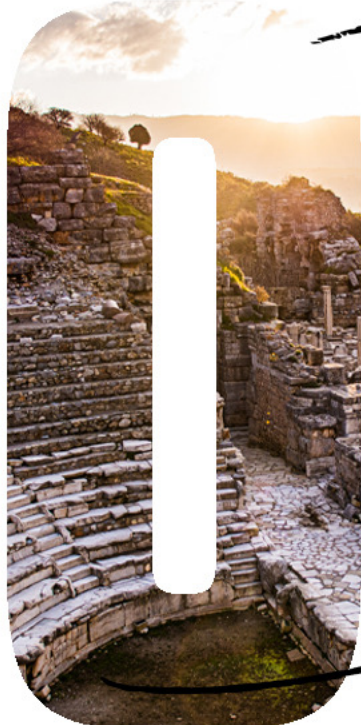
**¹⁰ For we are his workmanship,
created in Christ Jesus
for good works,
which God prepared
ahead of time
for us to do.**

Ephesians 2 CSB

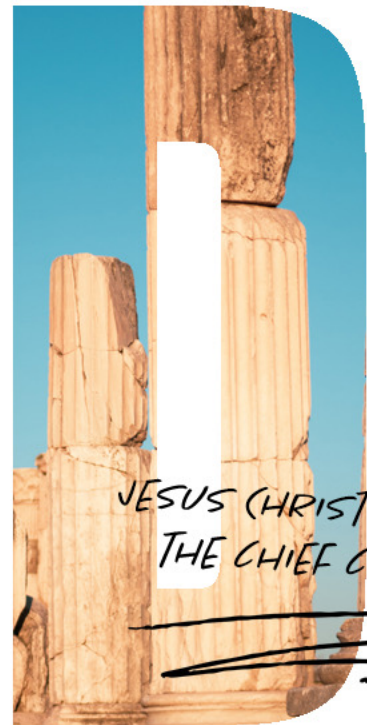
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FOR WE ARE HIS
WORKMANSHIP



ROOTED AND GROUNDED
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JESUS CHRIST HIMSELF BEING
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