



# SIGNS OF THE I AM

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## DISCUSSION

**WHAT IS SOMETHING THAT THE FATHER HAS PRUNED, OR IS PRUNING, IN YOUR LIFE RIGHT NOW?**

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**PLACING A VINE ON A TRELLIS HELPS IT TO GROW. WHAT ARE SOME “SUPPORT STRUCTURES” THAT HELP YOU TO GROW? HOW DO THEY CAUSE YOU TO STICK WITH IT, TO ABIDE?**

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**DO YOU HAVE A STORY TO SHARE WHEN FRICTION HAS COME BETWEEN YOU AND SOMEONE ENGAGED IN THE WAYS OF THE WORLD?**

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**SEVERAL POSSIBILITIES WERE GIVEN FOR FRICTION WITH THE WORLD LIKE PREFERENCES, JESUS, AND PERSONALITY. ARE THERE ANY YOU CAN ADD? HOW DO YOU DIFFERENTIATE THEM IN YOUR OWN RELATIONSHIPS?**

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**HOW CAN A LOVING CAMARADERIE WITH YOUR BROTHERS IN CHRIST HELP TO ABIDE IN CHRIST? RIGHTLY HAVE CONFLICT WITH THE WORLD?**

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“I am the true vine and my Father is the gardener. He takes away every branch that does not bear fruit in me. He prunes every branch that bears fruit so that it will bear more fruit. You are clean already because of the word that I have spoken to you. Remain in me, and I will remain in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it remains in the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me. “I am the vine; you are the branches. The one who remains in me—and I in him—bears much fruit, because apart from me you can accomplish nothing. If anyone does not remain in me, he is thrown out like a branch, and dries up; and such branches are gathered up and thrown into the fire, and are burned up. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you want, and it will be done for you. My Father is honored by this, that you bear much fruit and show that you are my disciples. “Just as the Father has loved me, I have also loved you; remain in my love. If you obey my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father’s commandments and remain in his love. I have told you these things so that my joy may be in you, and your joy may be complete. My commandment is this—to love one another just as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this—that one lays down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I no longer call you slaves, because the slave does not understand what his master is doing. But I have called you friends, because I have revealed to you everything I heard from my Father. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that remains, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he will give you. This I command you—to love one another. If the world hates you, be aware that it hated me first. If you belonged to the world, the world would love you as its own. However, because you do not belong to the world, but I chose you out of the world, for this reason the world hates you. Remember what I told you, ‘A slave is not greater than his master.’ If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you. If they obeyed my word, they will obey yours too. But they will do all these things to you on account of my name, because they do not know the one who sent me. If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not be guilty of sin. But they no longer have any excuse for their sin. The one who hates me hates my Father too. If I had not performed among them the miraculous deeds that no one else did, they would not be guilty of sin. But now they have seen the deeds and have hated both me and my Father. Now this happened to fulfill the word that is written in their law, *‘They hated me without reason.’*”

## PERSONAL STUDY

**READ THE PASSAGE AGAIN AND WRITE DOWN THREE THOUGHTS ABOUT “REMAINING”?**

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