Closer: Pressing Into Jesus - John 15:1-11

Jesus' instruction to His disciples:
The true vine: (15:1)
The vinedresser: (15:1)
The branches: (15:2,5)
The vinedresser's desire is that the branches produce (15:2)
To ensure that the branches produce fruit, the vinedresser branches. (15:2)
branches. (15:2) Why? To produce fruit!
How is God pruning you right now?
What does it mean to abide in Christ? To stay to the vine. The vine gives to the branches. (15:4-5). How?
By with Him daily.
By practicing disciplines. (Bible study, scripture memorization, prayer, worship, community).
By recognizing our on Him.
What does spiritual fruit look like?
the character of Christ. (1 Peter 1:13-16)
The of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23) (15:10)
What does the fruit of your life say about your walk with Christ?
Our purpose in life? To bear fruit to God. (15:8)