



# We Remain

JOHN 15

## How to Remain Connected to the Vine

John 15:1-4, Psalm 80:8-18, Matthew 23:25-26 | June 14, 2026

*“Remain in me, as I also remain in you.”*

— John 15:4

**BIG QUESTION:** How do I remain connected to Jesus?

**ANSWER:** By keeping Jesus the most important thing in my life.

### The Vine, the Gardner, and the Branches (v. 1)

God the Father is the Gardener, Jesus is the Vine, and we are the branches. As the Gardener cares deeply for the plant, God cares deeply for us.

### There are two types of cuts; neither feels good, but only one is good. (v. 2)

God prunes us to make us more like Jesus. What needs pruning in your life? Often, where we resist accountability the hardest is likely where we need it the most.

### Remain (v. 4)

The Greek word for remain is **menō**, which means to abide, to reside, to make your home.

**Jesus wants us to make him our home, not just a place we visit every now and then.  
It’s relational—we remain in Jesus, and He says He will remain in us.**

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**WCC Moms:** June 17

**HS Move:** June 21 to 26

**Senior Adult Cookout & Potluck:** July 1 at 11:00 AM

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# STUDY QUESTIONS

## GETTING STARTED:

What's something you've tried to "attach" yourself to for fulfillment—a hobby, relationship, career goal, or achievement? How did that work out?

## A DEEPER DIVE:

- » How does the image of the remora fish attaching to a host challenge or affirm your understanding of what it means to depend on Jesus for spiritual life?
- » In what ways does understanding God as the Gardener who tends, prunes, and cares for the vine change your perspective on difficult seasons or painful experiences in your life?
- » Where in your life do you most resist accountability, and what might this resistance reveal about areas that need pruning for greater spiritual fruitfulness?
- » What is the difference between being a dead branch that appears connected but bears no fruit and being a living branch that remains genuinely attached to Jesus?
- » How can we practically distinguish between merely going through religious motions like the Pharisees and genuinely abiding in Jesus with heart transformation?
- » What does it mean to make Jesus your home rather than just staying connected for survival, and how would this shift in perspective change your daily spiritual practices?
- » If a child asked you how to remain in a relationship with Jesus, what would you tell them, and how might that simple answer apply to your own spiritual life right now?
- » What specific distractions or competing priorities are currently threatening to displace Jesus as the most important thing in your life, and what steps can you take to reorient your focus?

## NEXT STEPS:

**Identify one area in your life that needs pruning.** Share it with one trusted person and ask them to hold you accountable. Set a specific action step.

**Commit to bringing a physical Bible to church and reading John 15:1-17 at least three times this week.** Underline or highlight phrases that stand out.