

# How does your Garden Grow?

## Spending time in your garden with Jesus

There are many types of gardens in the world. Some gardens are for food, some for shade, some for pleasure and relaxing, etc. Today we are going to look at three gardens and the special occupants that are extremely valuable to God.

### Defeat in a Garden

- God created a garden for fellowship. Eden was a place for Adam to live, work, and have close, \_\_\_\_\_ fellowship with God in complete sinless freedom. (Gen. 2:7-17)
- Satan destroys God's intimate fellowship with Adam. Adam's decision to disobey God was the start of the curse, which we are dealing with up to this very day. (Gen. 3; Rom. 5:12; James 1:15)

### Victory in a Garden

- After the Last Supper, Jesus and the disciples go to the Garden of Gethsemane. Jesus had one last decision to make, and He needed to \_\_\_\_\_ to His Father about it. (Mark 14:32-34; Matt. 26:41)
- Jesus could have chosen not to obey, but in the end, He chooses to \_\_\_\_\_ the Father's will. (Mark 14:35-42; 2 Cor. 5:21; Rom. 8:3; 1 Pet. 3:18; 1 John 2:1-2)

### Quality time in your Garden

- We all need a place where we can have intimate fellowship with our Lord and Savior to refresh our souls, praise and thank Him for His grace and mercy, talk with Him and tell Him our problems, and ask Him for help. We need to have a spiritual garden, a special place to be alone for intimate fellowship. (Song. 4:12-16)
- Building and maintaining this \_\_\_\_\_ garden. (Neh. 1:3; 2:4-6; Hos. 10:12; Prov. 11:25; Matt. 13:3-8; Lev. 25:3)
- Spending time in your garden with Jesus. (John 15:1-8; Rom. 7-8; Gal. 5:16-17; 6:8)
- Fruit and Victory (Phil. 1:11; Ps. 1:1-3; Col. 1:10; Isa 58:11; Gal. 5:22-25; Rom. 8:32-37)

Jesus Christ paid the ultimate price for your sins because He loves you. He loves you so much that He can't wait to be with you. He wants to spend intimate, quality time with you now. He wants to have a special place of fellowship for just the two of you. The world, your job, your hobbies, your family, and friends all vie for your time and attention. Have they consumed all of your time, energy and resources? Do you have anything left for God? Are you willing to give Him that time and space in your life? Isn't He worth it?