



## In the Flesh – John 15

March 10 | Weekly Devotionals

### Section 1: Introduction

Today, we're entering into John 15 and talking about *abiding in Jesus*.

In John 15, Jesus employs the metaphor of the vine and branches to emphasize the vital connection between believers and himself. He stresses the importance of abiding in him for fruitful and effective living. Jesus highlights the role of God as the vinedresser who prunes and cares for the branches. The chapter emphasizes the centrality of love, obedience, and abiding in Christ for true discipleship. Jesus concludes with a reminder of the world's opposition to his followers and the promise of the Holy Spirit to empower them.

**Read all of John 15.** Take note of any words or phrases that resonate with you along the way.

## Section 2: Spend time in your passage

*Engage with John 15 prayerfully.*

- What does the metaphor of the vine and branches reveal about the relationship between believers and Jesus? How does the concept of abiding contribute to understanding spiritual vitality and growth?
- Explore the significance of the pruning process mentioned by Jesus. How does the idea of God as the vinedresser shaping and refining believers relate to their spiritual journey and effectiveness in bearing fruit?
- What is the relationship between abiding and fruitfulness according to this passage? What about the relationship between love for Jesus and obedience to Jesus? Is it possible to love Jesus and not obey him?

## Section 3: Reflection question

- Reflect on your own journey of abiding in Christ. In what ways have you experienced spiritual vitality and growth by staying connected to Jesus, and how can you deepen this connection?

- What in your life do you sense God pruning right now? Or, if not now, when in your life have you undergone a season of pruning? What was that like? In what ways are you resistant to that pruning? Where do you need to trust God in the pruning?
- Consider again those past seasons of pruning or refining in your life. How has God's pruning process shaped your character and spiritual fruitfulness, and how can you embrace it with trust and surrender?
- Reflect on John 15:15. Do you feel that you are Jesus' friend? Why or why not? What would it look like to deepen your friendship with him?
- Does your love for Jesus manifest itself in obedience? Where do you see this at play in your life? Where is this reality *not* at play in your life?

#### **Section 4: Pray the Scriptures**

Using John 15 and your reflections, write out a prayer in response to your time in God's Word today.

## Section 5: Memorize Scripture

Throughout this series, we want to be memorizing Scripture. Use the prompts below to help you get John 15 into your heart and mind.

1. Write out a passage of your choosing from John 15.
2. Memorize the passage you chose using various techniques, such as repeating it out loud, creating visual associations, or setting it to a melody or rhythm. Take time to commit these verses to memory.
3. Regularly review the passage throughout the week. Recite it from memory and reflect on its meaning and significance.