

HOPE... When I Feel Disconnected

HOPE – Part 7 of 7

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Focus passage: John 15:1-11

¹ *“I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. ² Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit.*

³ *You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. ⁴ Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.*

⁵ *I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. ⁶ If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned.*

⁷ *If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. ⁸ By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples. ⁹ As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love.*

¹⁰ *If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love. ¹¹ These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full.”*

MY RESPONSE TO THE TRUE VINE MUST BE TO:

1) _____, **STAYING CONNECTED TO HIM.**

Memory Verse:

“I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.” – John 15:5

“Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. For My flesh is food indeed, and My blood is drink indeed. He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him.” – John 6:54-56

**2) DEVELOP THE HABIT OF _____
THRU JESUS.**

“If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.” – John 15:7-8

“...but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen.” – 1 Peter 3:18

**3) DECIDE TO SUBMIT TO _____
_____.**

“Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit.” – John 15:2

THE TRUTH ABOUT PRUNING:

- **PRUNING _____.**
- **PRUNING _____.**
- **PRUNING ENABLES _____.**
- **PRUNING BRINGS _____.**
- **PRUNING IS A _____.**

“And you have forgotten the exhortation which speaks to you as to sons: ‘My son, do not despise the chastening of the Lord, Nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him; For whom the Lord loves He chastens, And scourges every son whom He receives.’ If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom a father does not chasten?” – Hebrews 12:5-7

4) _____ **ON WHAT JESUS HAS
ALREADY TOLD ME.**

“As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love. If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father’s commandments and abide in His love.” – John 15:9-10

“Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain it. And everyone who competes for the prize is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a perishable crown, but we for an imperishable crown. Therefore I run thus: not with uncertainty. Thus I fight: not as one who beats the air. But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified.” – 1 Corinthians 9:24-27

MY NEXT STEP TODAY IS TO:

- Memorize John 15:5.**
- Consider my current spiritual habits and keep working to feed myself.**
- Submit to God’s pruning process so I can bear more fruit**
- Take action today on the last thing God told me to do.**