

“STAY”

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John 15:1 “I am the true grapevine, and my Father is the gardener.:2 He cuts off every branch of mine that doesn’t produce fruit, and he prunes the branches that do bear fruit so they will produce even more.:3 You have already been pruned and purified by the message I have given you.:4 Remain in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me. :5 “Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing.:6 Anyone who does not remain in me is thrown away like a useless branch and withers. Such branches are gathered into a pile to be burned.:7 But if you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask for anything you want, and it will be granted! :8 When you produce much fruit, you are my true disciples. This brings great glory to my Father.

Galatians 5:19 When you follow the desires of your sinful nature, the results are very clear: sexual immorality, impurity, lustful pleasures, 20 idolatry, sorcery, hostility, quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissension, division, 21 envy, drunkenness, wild parties, and other sins like these. Let me tell you again, as I have before, that anyone living that sort of life will not inherit the Kingdom of God. 22 But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, :23 gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!

REVIEW:

THERE IS A REASON WHY WE HAD TO HEAR, REMEMBER YOUR FIRST LOVE. WE NEED TO REMEMBER WHAT WE FELT, BE ABOUT THE ACTION THAT RESULTED FROM WHAT WE FELT AND THEN BURN THE IDOLS THAT WE SET UP WHILE WE WERE DISTANT FROM GOD. THERE WAS A REASON FOR THE REMINDER... LET’S DO IT!

PUR TONGUES AND OUR ANGER BEGIN TO RULE US, WE STOP EMBRACING TRUTH AND ENJOYING FRUIT AND WE FAIL TO UTILIZE THE SPIRIT'S POWER OR THE POWER OF COMMUNITY.

WHY? WE LEAVE...SERVICE ENDS, WE LEAVE. CONSECRATION ENDS, WE LEAVE. TROUBLE PASSES, WE LEAVE.

1. STAY BECAUSE DISTANCE IS DESTRUCTIVE

THE FRUIT OF MY OWN FLESH IS DESTRUCTIVE! Gal. 5.19-21

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FUN BUT NOT FULFILLING!

2. STAY BECAUSE YOU DESIRE TO BE FRUITFUL

HIS FRUIT IS ENJOYABLE AND FULFILLING

WE HAVE ALREADY BEEN PRUNED BY THE MESSAGES (Verse 3)

You have already been pruned and purified by the message I have given you.

EMBRACE AND ENJOY!

3. STAY BECAUSE HE PROMISED TO ANSWER YOU

ABIDE IN ME AND GET PRAYERS ANSWERED

Psalms 37:4 Take delight in the lord, and he will give you your heart's desires.

DON'T GIVE ME WHAT I WANT, GIVE ME WHAT YOU WANT ME TO WANT!

4. STAY BECAUSE YOU LIKE BEING CLOSE TO THE FATHER

FATHER LIKES BEING CLOSE TO YOU....

James 4:7 So humble yourselves before God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

James 4:8 Come close to God, and God will come close to you. Wash your hands, you sinners; purify your hearts, for your loyalty is divided between God and the world.

James 4:10 Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up in honor.