

## Abiding in Christ during Uncertain Times

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"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. 2 He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes {2 The Greek for prunes also means cleans.} so that it will be even more fruitful. 3 You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you.

4 **Remain** in me, and I will **remain** in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must **remain** in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you **remain** in me. 5 "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. 6 If anyone does not **remain** in me, he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. 7 If you **remain** in me and my words **remain** in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you. 8 This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples. **John 15:1-8 (NIV)**

### *What does it mean to Abide in Christ?*

To be in a \_\_\_\_\_ relationship with Jesus Christ and not yielding to restless \_\_\_\_\_ and enticing \_\_\_\_\_.

### **Portraits of Abiding in Christ:**

**Portrait I: Connected**

**Portrait II: Still, but not stagnant**

**Portrait III: Dependence**

**Portrait IV: Pruning/Cleaning**

**Portrait V: Fruitful**

**Abiding in Christ with certainty during uncertain times**