



Genesis  
CHURCH

CURRENT SERMON SERIES:

## Discipleship

JESUS IN THE  
GOSPEL OF JOHN

August 27, 2023

### Pruning (Spiritual Growth, Part 2)

— JOHN 15:1-17 —

*"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. (John 15:1-5)*

## SERMON NOTES:

**The vine has played a picturesque role in the nation of Israel. God used the vine to speak of Israel's prosperity and Israel's decline due to a broken relationship with Him. Psalm 80:8-11; Isaiah 5:1-2.**

**I. I AM the Vine, the \_\_\_\_\_, John 15:1.**

*Further Reading: Galatians 5:22-23; Mark 4:20; 2 Peter 1:5-8.*

## II. The Father handles the pruning \_\_\_\_\_, John 15:1-2.

### A. Pruning away diseased wood.

### B. Pruning away for a better crop.

### C. Pruning temporarily hurts.

**1. The Word of God goes \_\_\_\_\_, Hebrews 4:12.**

**2. Non-conformity is a \_\_\_\_\_, Romans 12:1-2.**

**3. Trials are \_\_\_\_\_, James 1:2-4.**

**4. Loving God and others are a prefrontal cortex , John 15:10-12.**

**D. Pruning may involve \_\_\_\_\_, Proverbs 27:17.**

### III. We are the branches, John 15:5.

- **Gospel and Discipleship Ministry (John 5:5).**
- **The Father's Support (John 15:7).**
- **Joy (John 15:11).**
- **Strong Brotherly Love (John 15:12, 17).**
- **Friendship with Jesus (John 15:15).**
- **Feeling of Acceptance (John 15:16).**
- **A Calling (John 15:16).**



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