

# Introduction





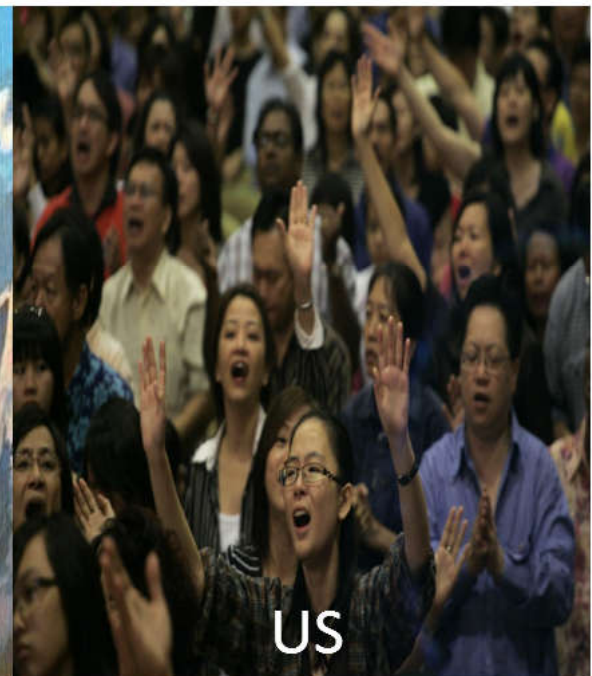
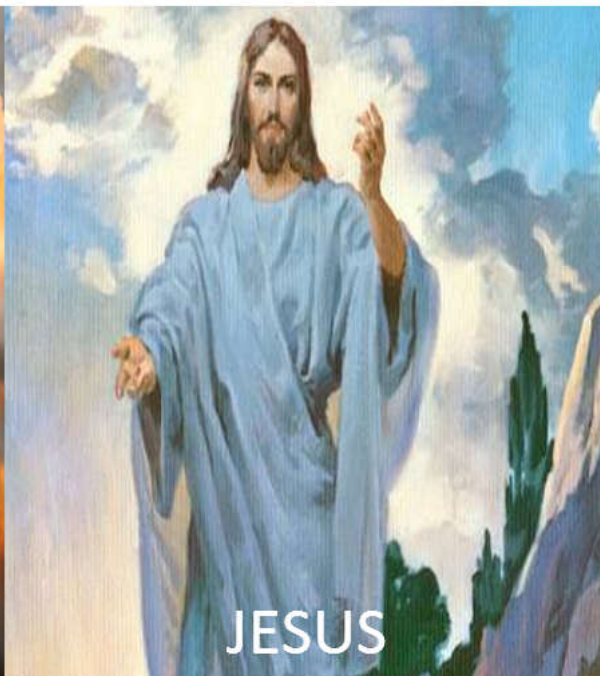
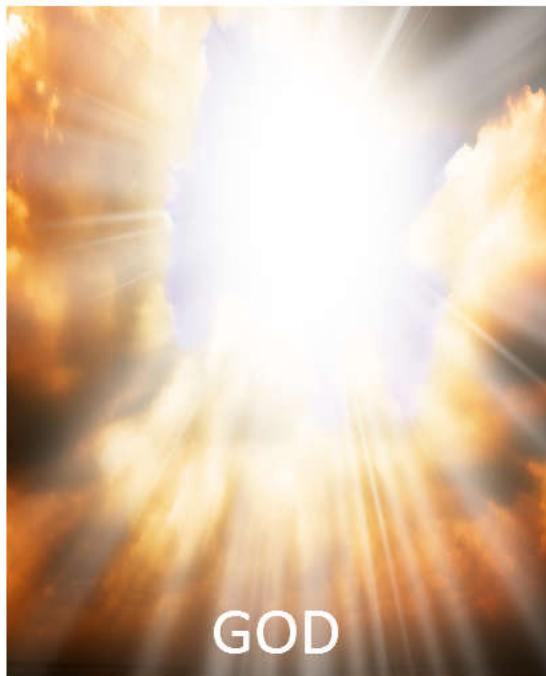




# The Gardener, Vine and branches

**Part 1 : John 15:1-8**

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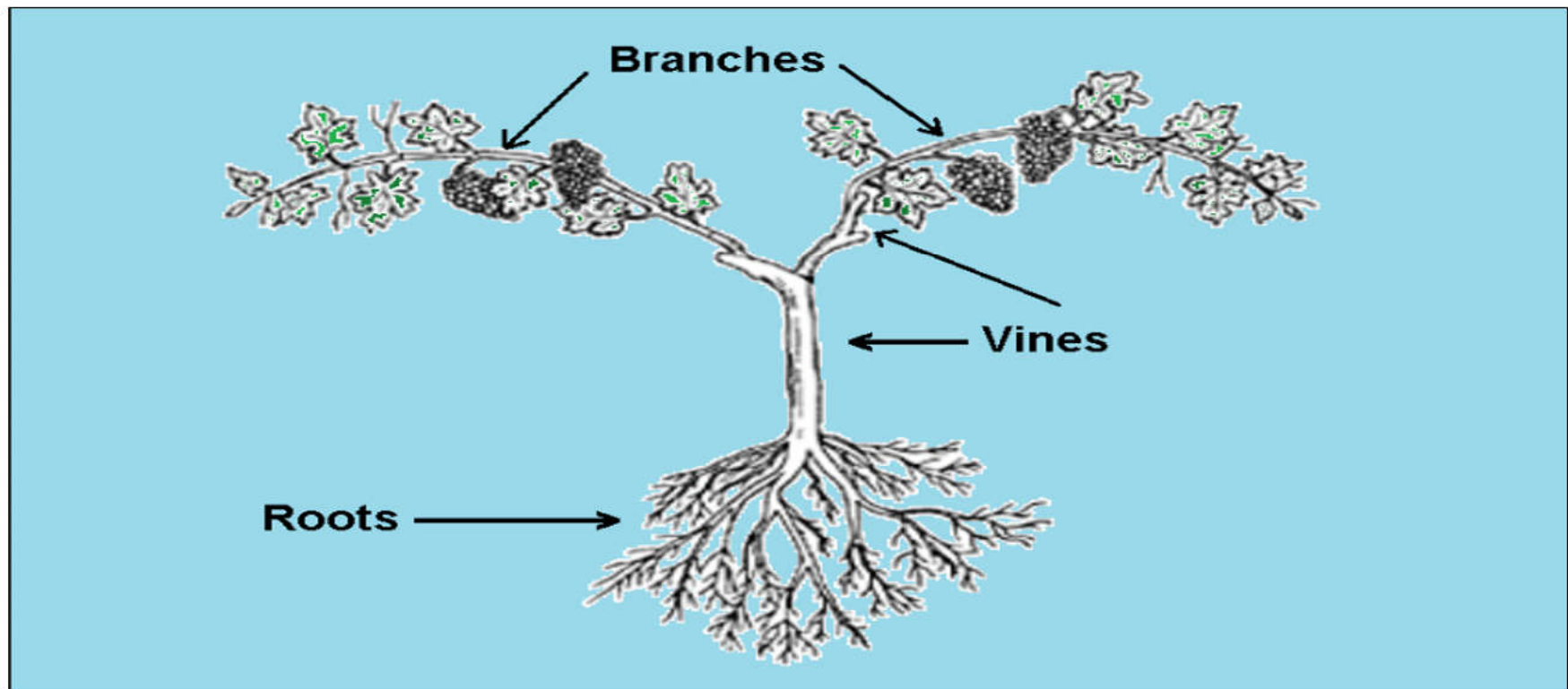


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## Introduction: The grape plant



## I. God is the Gardener

John 15:1 “I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. “

This is the modern definition of a gardener.

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### How God is our Gardener?

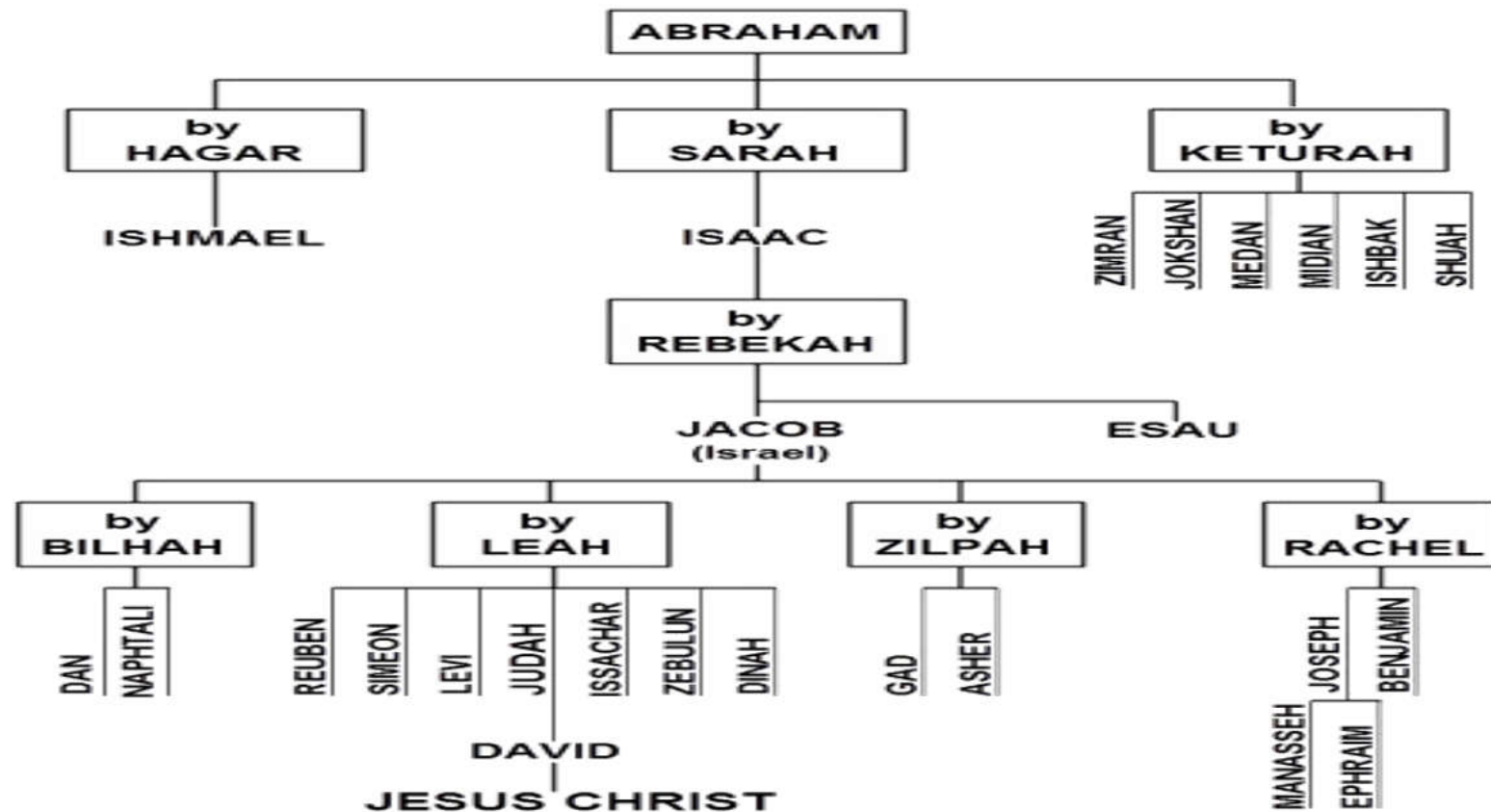
#### A. The Gardener's Design

Jeremiah 29:11

*“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. “*



# Lineage from Abraham to Jesus



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**i. God has a plan.**

**We can trust Him with our lives.**



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Dead leaves and branches

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Spiritually Dead



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Luke 9:23-24

23 Then he said to them all: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. 24 For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will save it."



## I. God is the Gardener

1 John 2:15-16 (NIV)

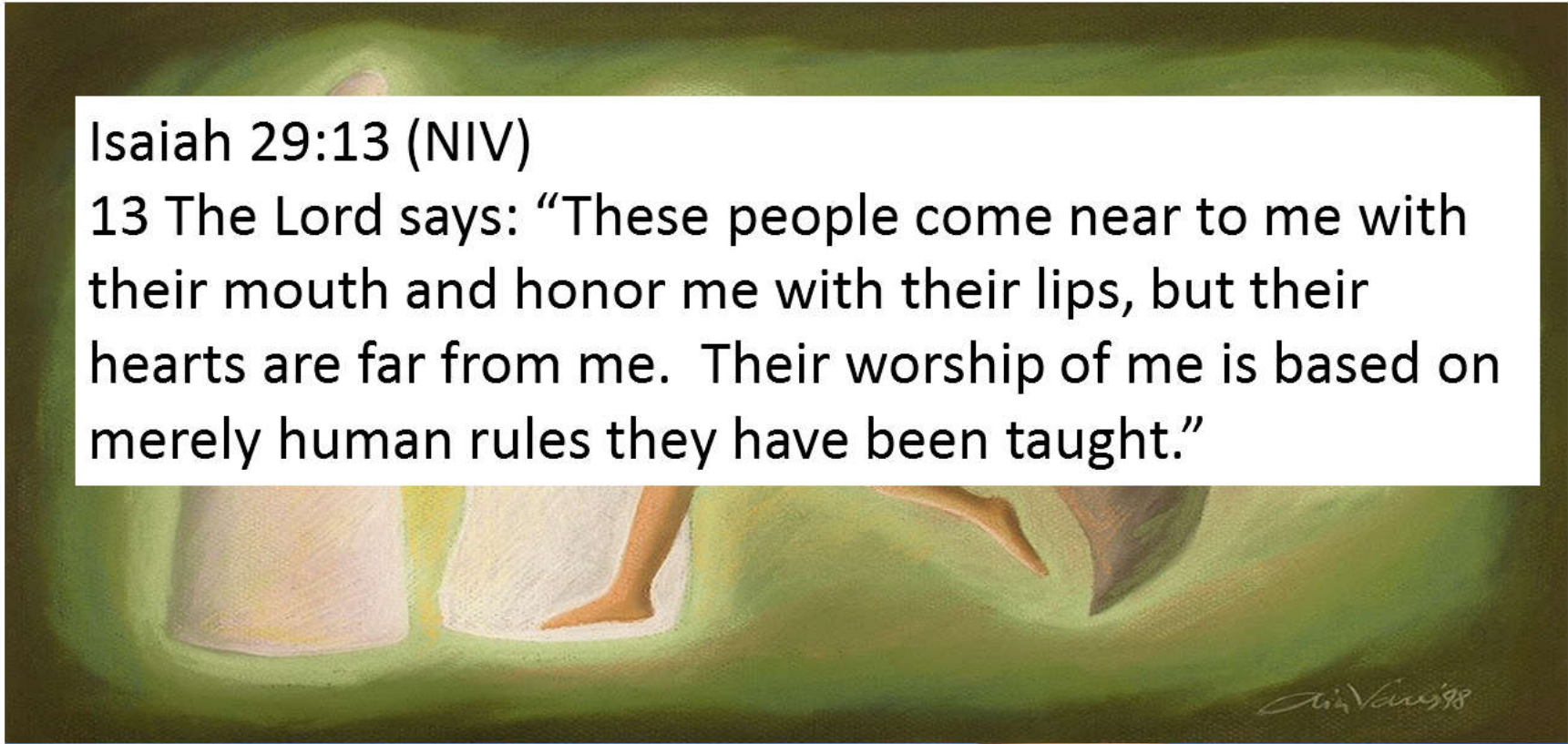
15 Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them. 16 For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world.



## I. God is the Gardener

Isaiah 29:13 (NIV)

13 The Lord says: “These people come near to me with their mouth and honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. Their worship of me is based on merely human rules they have been taught.”



## I. God is the Gardener

**i. God cuts off the spiritually dead.**





## I. God is the Gardener

### B. The Gardener's Maintenance

- Pruning

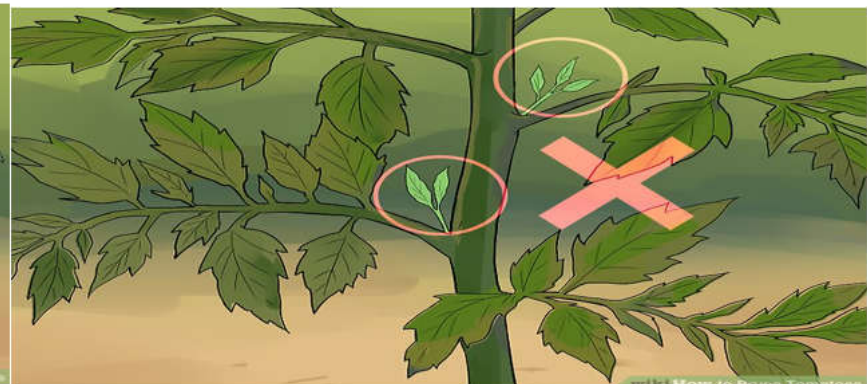
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- Pruning

The gardener would prune back some plants in order for the plant to flourish, bear fruits and encourage growth.



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## B. The Gardener's Maintenance

- Pruning





I. God is the Gardener

**B. The Gardener's Maintenance**



**ii. God molds us when we let Him.**



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### B. The Gardener's Maintenance

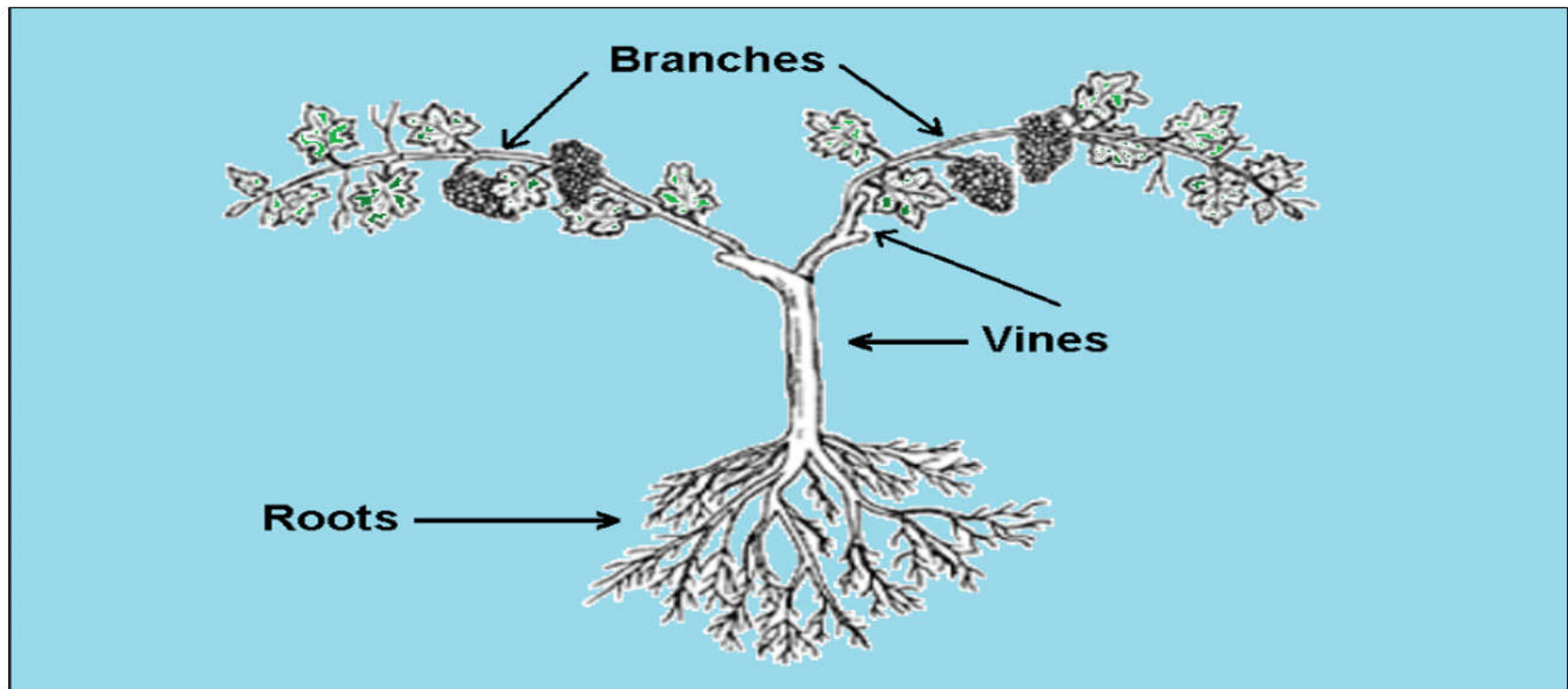
John 15:3 **You are already clean** because of the word I have spoken to you.



### iii. God prunes undesirable elements.



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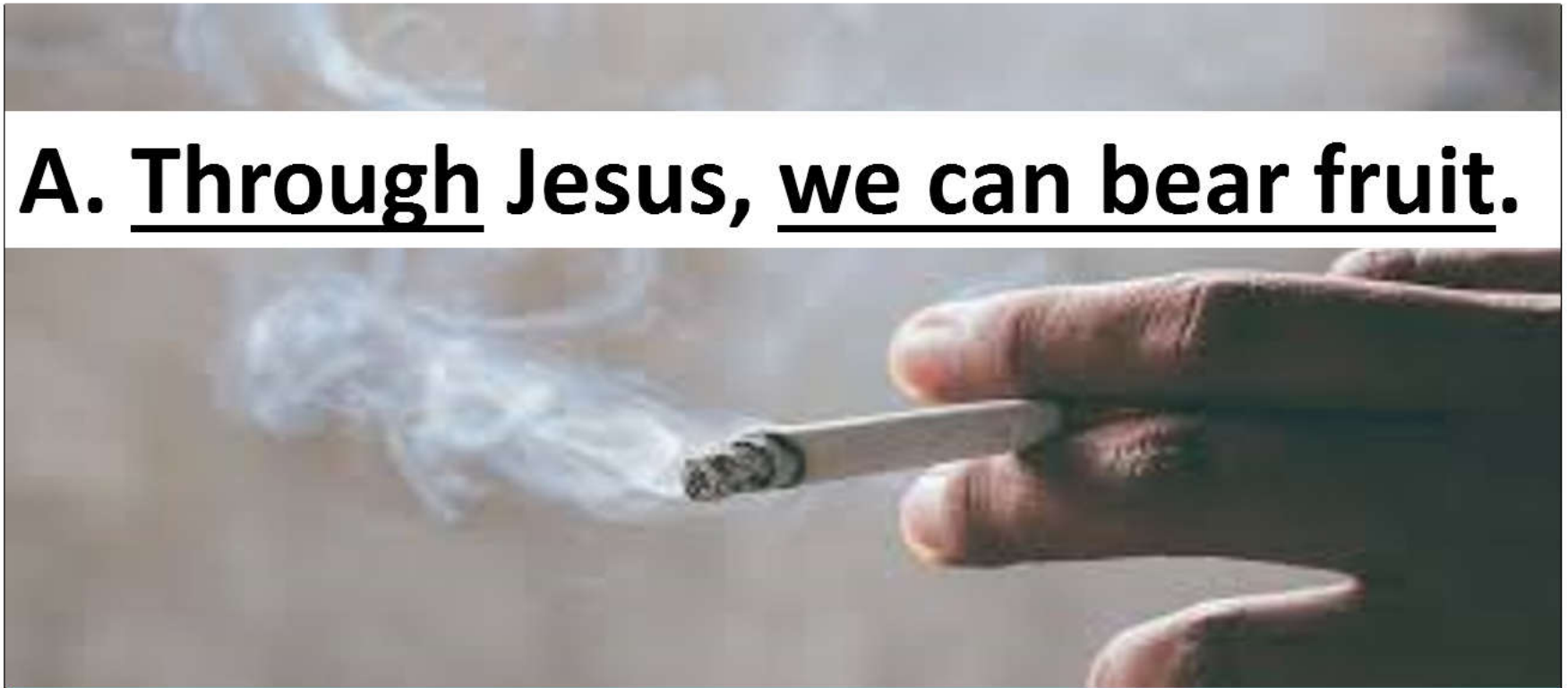


**John 15: 4 Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.**



II. Jesus is the Vine

**A. Through Jesus, we can bear fruit.**



## II. Jesus is the Vine



**John 15: 5 I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; **apart from me you can do nothing.****





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Hopes	
MEETINGS	TIME
English Worship Service	Sunday 9:30 am
Spanish Worship	Sunday 9:30 am
Harvest	Sunday 8:30 pm
Love Fasting	During week days
Prayer Fellowship	Sunday
9:00-10:00 am	9:30 am
9:30-10:30 am	10:00 am
10:30-11:30 am	11:30 am
11:30-12:30 pm	12:30 pm
12:30-1:30 pm	1:30 pm

Electric Shutter Installation

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**B. Without Jesus,  
we can do nothing.**



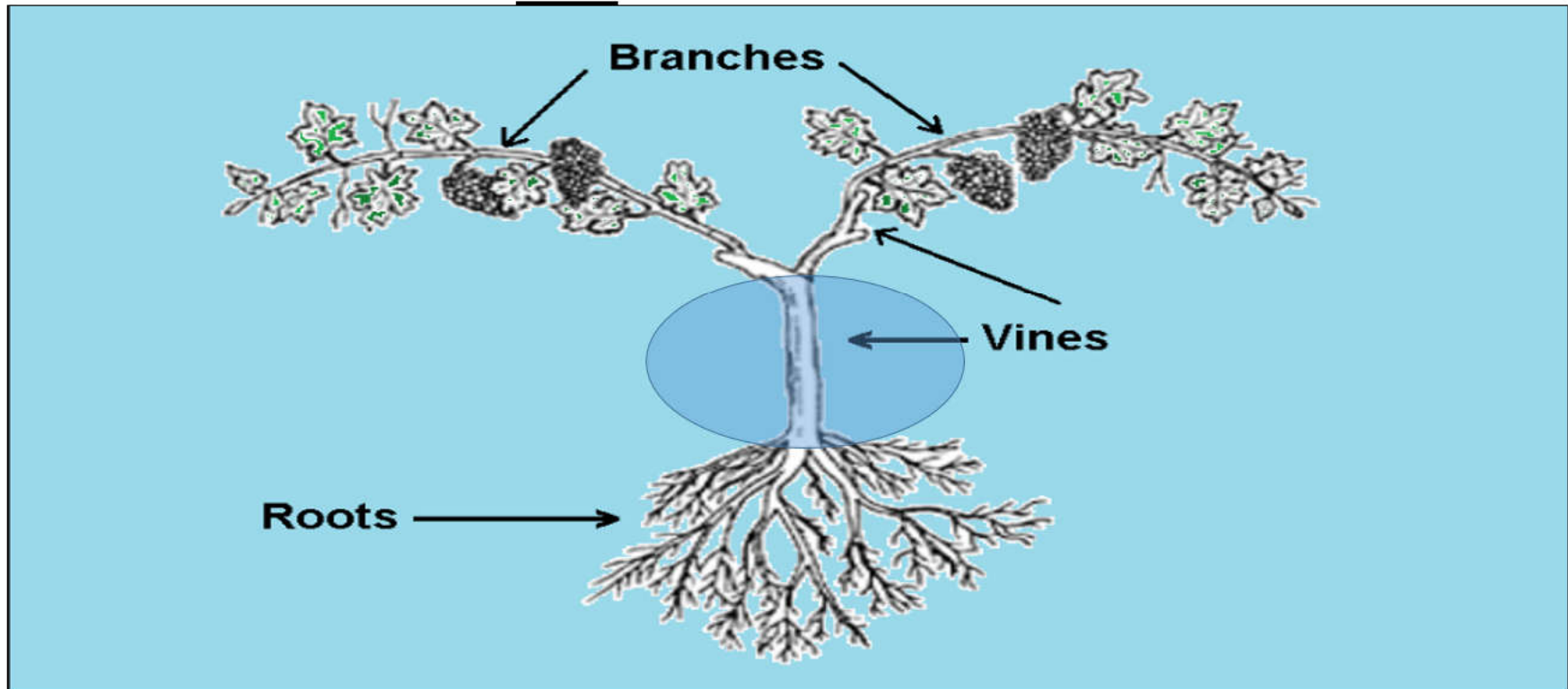


### III. We are the Branches

**John 15: 6 If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, **thrown into the fire and burned.****



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**Matthew 22:37-40**

**37** Jesus replied: “**Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.**’ **38** This is the first and greatest commandment. **39** And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ **40** All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

**Proverbs 2:1-8**



### III. We are the Branches

Proverbs 2:1-8

1 My son, if you **accept my words and store up my commands within you**, 2 turning your ear to wisdom and **applying your heart to understanding** - indeed, 3 if you **call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding**, 4 and if you **look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure**, 5 then **you will understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God**.

6 For **the LORD gives wisdom**; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding. 7 **He holds success** in store for the upright, **he is a shield** to those whose walk is blameless, 8 for **he guards the course of the just and protects the way of his faithful ones**.



### III. We are the Branches

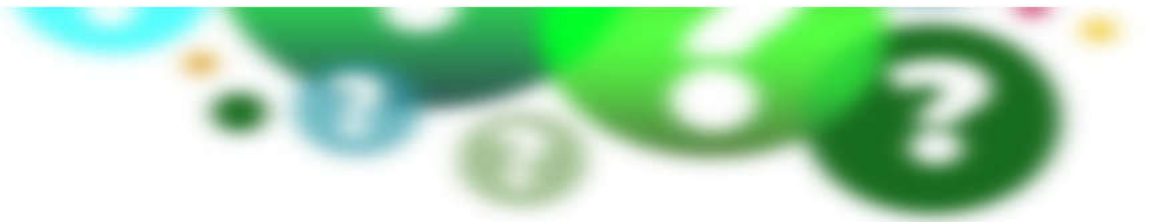


### III. We are the Branches



**Mark 5:19**

**Jesus said, “Go home to your own people and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how He has had mercy on you.”**



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#### **Galatians 5:22-25**

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is **love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,** 23 **gentleness and self-control.** Against such things there is no law. 24 Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. 25 Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

**John 13:35** - By this everyone **will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.**



### III. The Branches

**A. Abide in Jesus, and follow His ways.**

**If we do not abide in Jesus, we are cast into the fire.**

### III. We are the Branches

**John 15:7 If you remain in Me and My Words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.**

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### III. We are the Branches

B. Ask and it will be done, IF we  
abide in Jesus





### III. We are the Branches



**The Growing Disciple**

### III. We are the Branches



**Jesus is to sit on the throne in our heart.**

### III. We are the Branches



**Are you driving your life or is Jesus?**

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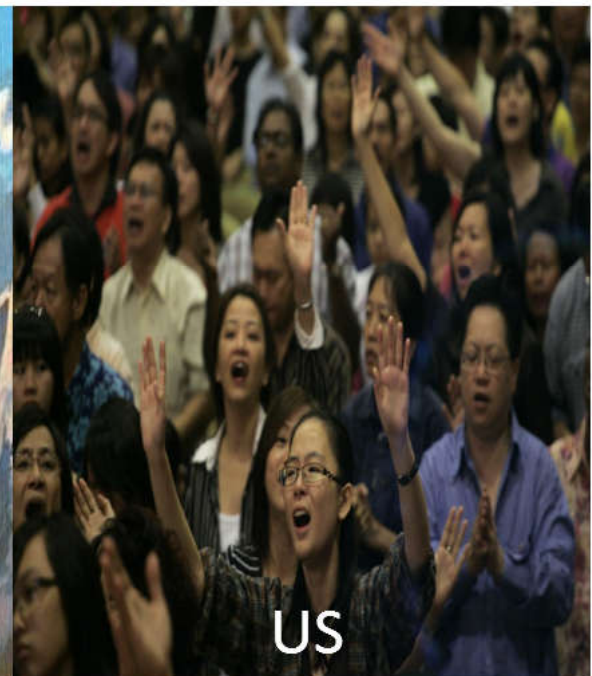
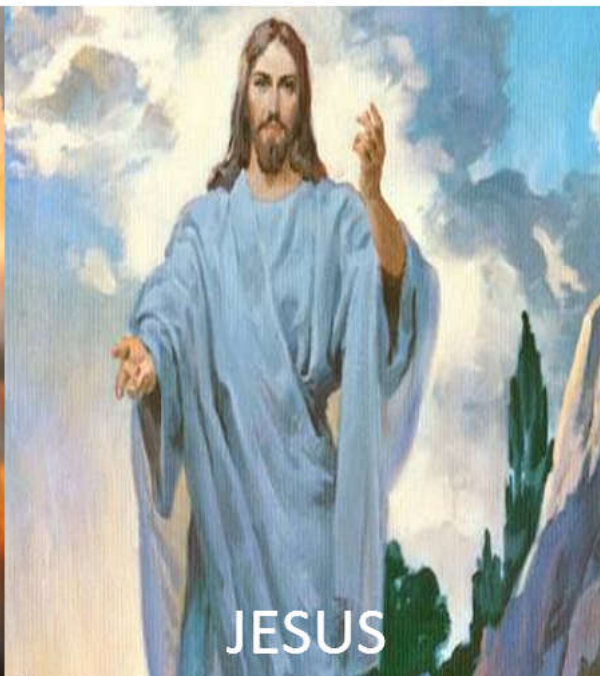
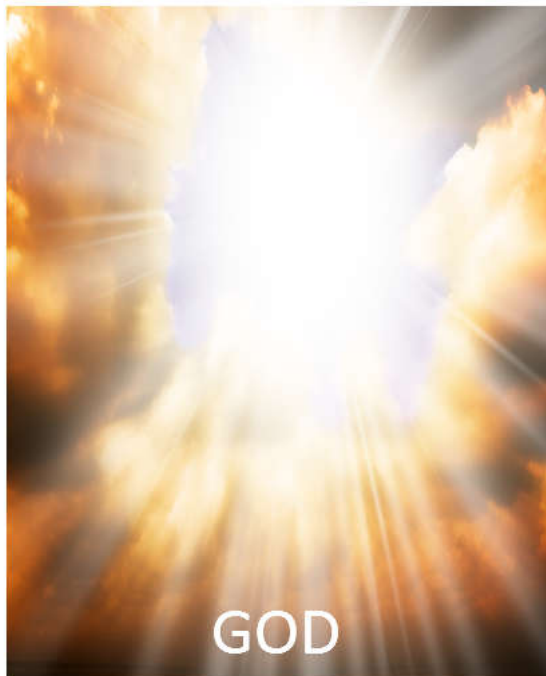
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**C. We bear fruit, for God's Glory,  
not ours.**



# The Gardener, Vine and Branches



## CONCLUSION & APPLICATION

**What can we learn from the passage about the Gardener, the Vine and the branches?**

- 1) God is our Gardener**
  - a) He has a plan to prosper us.**
  - b) We need to put our trust in Him.**
- 2) Jesus is the Vine.**
  - a) Without Him, we can do nothing.**
- 3) We the disciples are the branches.**
  - a) We need to abide in Jesus.**
  - b) Follow His instructions and obey His commands.**