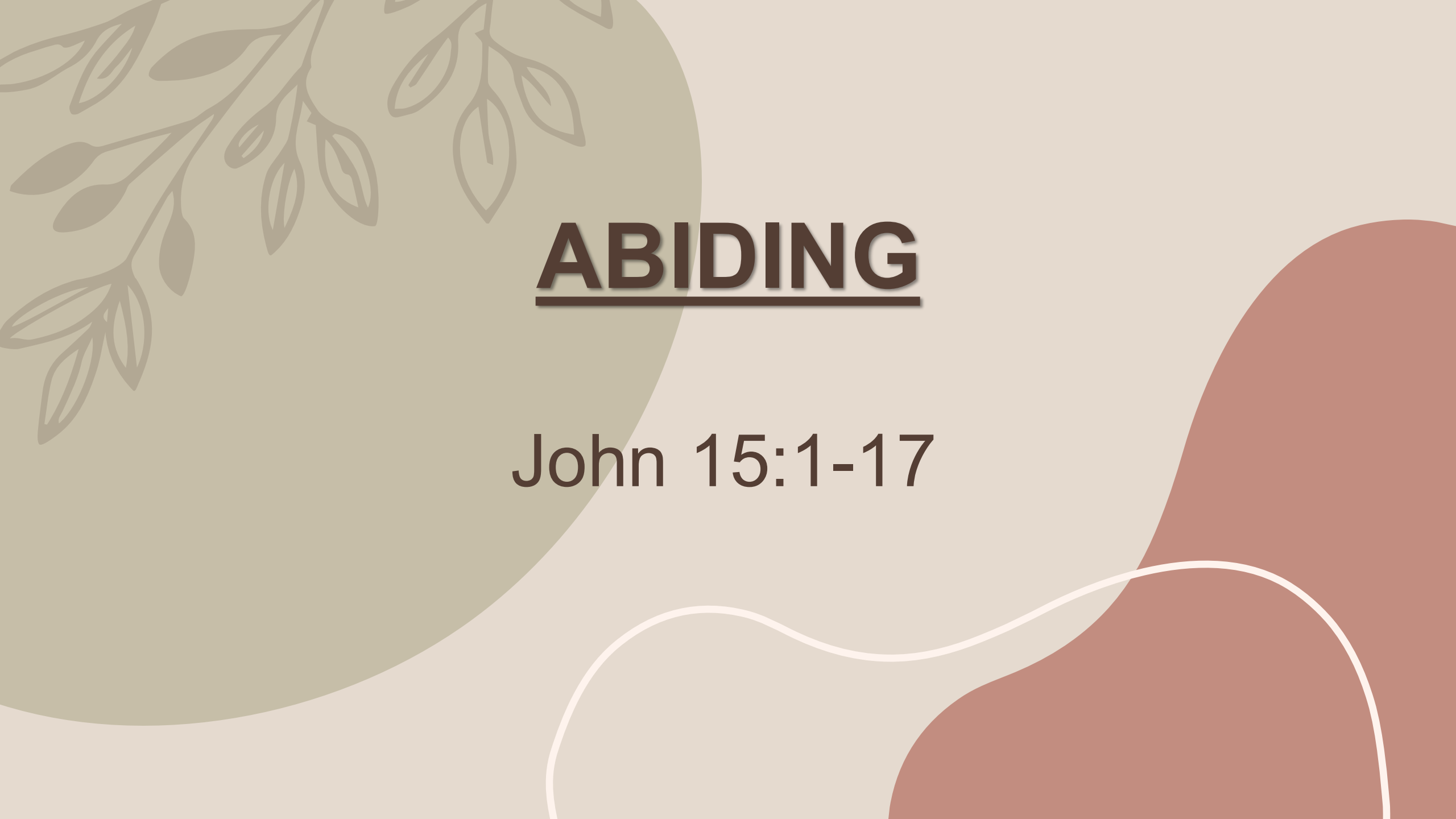




ABIDING

John 15:1-17

Jesus “I am...”

1. **I am the bread of life** (John 6:35) *Spiritual sustenance.*
2. **I am the light of the world** (John 8:12) *Guidance and truth.*
3. **I am the door** (John 10:9) *Way to salvation.*
4. **I am the good shepherd** (John 10:11) *Cares for and protects*
5. **I am the resurrection and the life** (John 11:25) *Eternal life.*
6. **I am the way, the truth, and the life** (John 14:6) *Way to God.*
7. **I am the true vine** (John 15:1) *Source of spiritual life and growth.*

(Upper Room Discourse John 13 – 17)

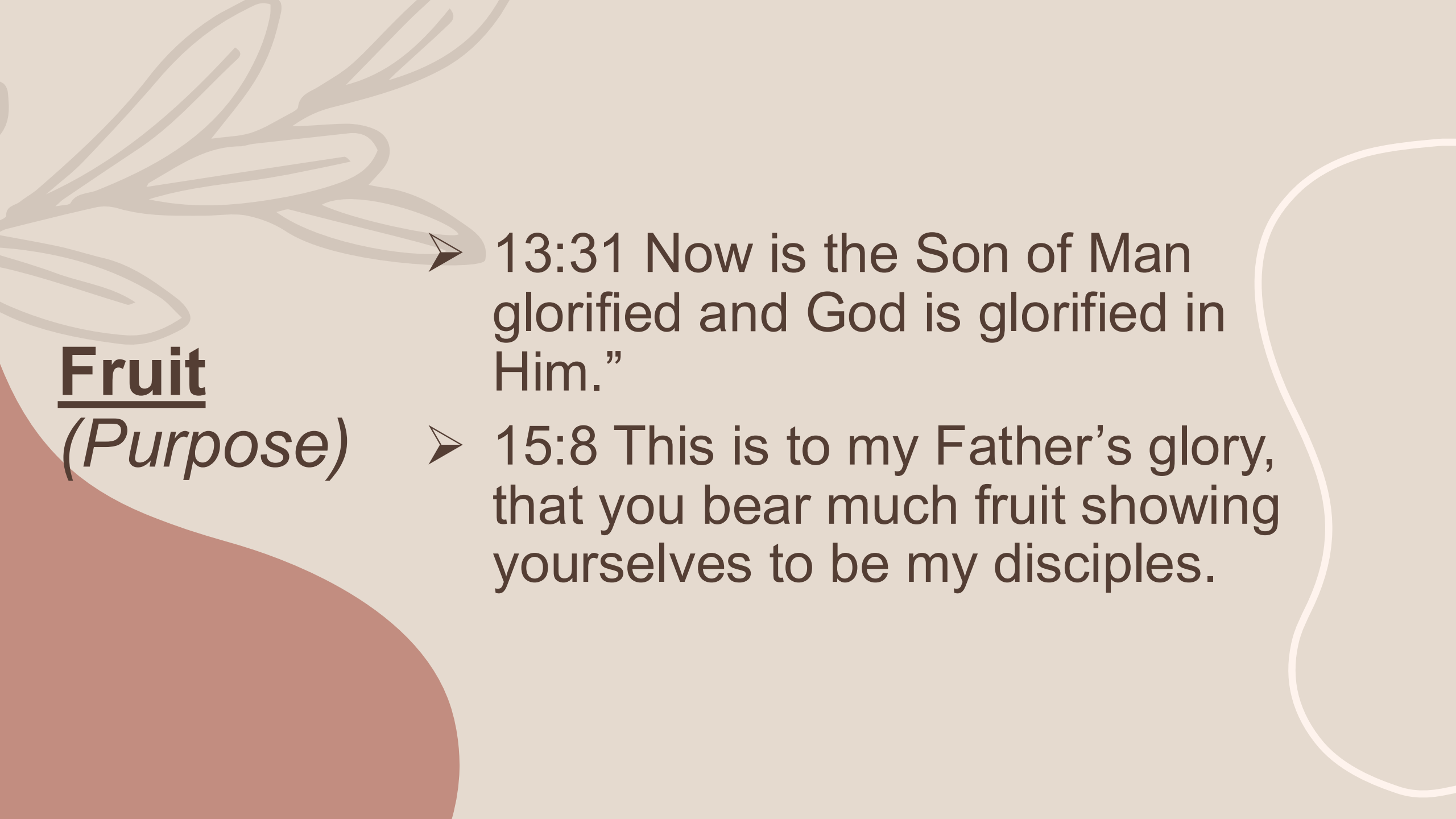
Key words (Occurs)

- ❖ Vine: 1, 4, 5
- ❖ Branch: 2, 2, 4, 5, 6, 6
- ❖ Fruit: 2, 2, 2, 4, 4, 5
- ❖ Remain (abide): 4, 4, 4, 5, 6, 7, 7, 9, 10, 10
- ❖ Command: 10, 10, 12, 14, 17 (Word: 3, 7)
- ❖ Love: 9, 9, 9, 10, 10, 12, 12, 13, 17

Progression: “fruit”(2); “more fruit” (3); “much fruit” (5)

Identity

- ❑ Jesus: True vine (1)
- ❑ Father God: Gardener (1)
- ❑ Disciples (& us): The branches (5)
- ❑ Fruit: *Becoming* like Jesus; *doing* the mission of Jesus



Fruit

(Purpose)

➤ 13:31 Now is the Son of Man glorified and God is glorified in Him.”

➤ 15:8 This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit showing yourselves to be my disciples.

Process for fruiting (5)

- ❖ Abiding – connected *(me in Christ & Christ in me)*
- ❖ Surrendering – cooperatively with Jesus *(I'll never do it, allow the Spirit to work in me)*

Remain in the sphere of God's love

Results of Abiding

- ✓ Producing fruit (2, 5)
- ✓ Pruning/discipline (2)
- ✓ Prayers are answered (7)
- ✓ Love for others (12)
- ✓ Joy – knowing Jesus is in control (11)



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Summary

Our primary aim in life is to bring glory to Father God through living Christ-like lives (being & doing). This is similar to how a vine grows. We abide/remain connected in Christ and He in us just like a vine and its branches – surrendered & interdependent . The Father then sets about doing His transforming work in us in the same way a gardener looks after his/her garden. This is beyond our comprehension – a mystery!