

FRUIT

Remain in me

A vine doesn't produce fruit overnight. It takes time, nourishment, and a constant connection to its source. The same is true for us. Jesus is our source of life, and when we remain connected to Him, He provides what we need to grow and bear fruit.

Just as a branch cannot continue producing fruit once it is separated from the vine, we cannot expect to live fruitful lives while depending on our own strength. We were created to live in close relationship with God.

There will be times when we drift away and try to handle life on our own. But by God's grace, we can always return to Him. It is never too late to reconnect with the source of our strength and allow Him to renew what has become dry or depleted.

This Week's Verse

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.

John 15:4 NLT

Hidden Word

R I M A I W R I Y
F A B C P F
I I I S F T V
A Y C B F U Y R I M

Truth to Carry This Week

In every season, stay connected to the source of life, Jesus Christ

READ IT SLOWLY

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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.*

John 15:4 NLT

WRITE IT OUT

Write the verse below



WHAT DOES THIS VERSE MEAN TO
YOU RIGHT NOW?



WHAT THIS VERSE MEANS

In John 15, Jesus uses a simple picture His listeners would have understood well: a vine and its branches. He tells His disciples, “Remain in me, and I will remain in you.” A branch may have leaves, buds, and the potential to produce fruit, but the moment it is separated from the vine, it is separated from the source of everything it needs to live. It cannot produce fruit on its own. Neither can we.

Sometimes we become so focused on producing the fruit of a Christian life that we forget where the fruit comes from. We try harder to be patient. We try harder to love difficult people. We try harder to control our anger, worry less, serve more, become better parents, strengthen our marriages, or be more faithful Christians. Those are good desires. But Jesus doesn’t begin by telling us to produce.

He tells us to remain.

The word *remain* means to stay, continue, or abide. Jesus is inviting us into an ongoing relationship with Him, not an occasional visit when life becomes difficult.

Think about a branch attached to a vine. It doesn’t connect itself for a few minutes each morning, receive what it needs, and then disconnect for the rest of the day. It remains connected. Our relationship with Jesus should be the same. Remaining in Him certainly includes reading Scripture and spending time in prayer, but it goes beyond a morning devotional. It means bringing Jesus into the ordinary moments of our day. We seek Him when making decisions. We talk to Him while driving to work. We remember His Word when worry begins to take over. We ask for His patience before responding in frustration. We depend on His strength when ours is running out. We learn to live connected. And something begins to happen when we do.

Fruit grows.

As we remain in Jesus, He provides what we need to grow. Little by little, His work within us begins to become visible in the way we live, love, respond, and serve. When we feel empty, weary, or spiritually dry, the answer isn’t simply to try harder. It is to draw closer to the source.

Jesus never asked the branch to produce fruit apart from the Vine. He simply asked it to remain. So stay close to Him. Seek Him. Listen to Him. Depend on Him. Allow Him to provide what you cannot produce on your own.

We don’t have to force the fruit. We simply have to stay connected to the Vine.

WEEK 6

Hide it in your heart.

VERSE

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.

John 15:4 NLT

Cover the full verse. Use only the letters.

R I M A I W R I Y
F A B C P F
I I I S F T V
A Y C B F U Y R I M

REFLECTION

Where am I trying to produce spiritual fruit through my own strength?

What tends to pull my attention or dependence away from Jesus?

FILL IN THE MISSING WORDS

*Remain in me, and I will _____ in you.
For a branch cannot produce _____ if
it is _____ from the vine, and you
cannot be _____ unless you remain
in me.*

You can do this

Each time you practice
you are hiding God's
Word deeper in your
heart

WEEK 6

Activity.

Stay connected

What helps me remain in Jesus?



A truth from God's
Word I want to hold
onto:

Something I need to
stop carrying on my
own:

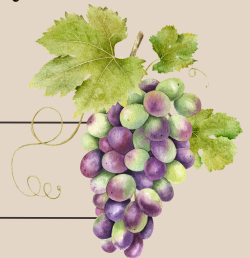
One way I can invite
Jesus into my
ordinary day:

WHEN I FEEL DISCONNECTED: THIS WEEK I WILL REMAIN BY:

What usually pulls me away from spending
time with Jesus?



What can I change so I can stay connected to
Jesus?





WEEK 6

Talk to God.

A prayer to start

God,
Help me remain close to You. When I am
tempted to rely on my own strength, remind
me that You are the source of everything I
need. Teach me to seek You not only during
my quiet time, but throughout every part of
my day. Let my relationship with You grow
deeper, and may my life naturally bear fruit
because I have remained connected to You.

Amen.

END OF WEEK CHECK-IN

This week I practiced the verse:

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1 time

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3 times

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2 times

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More than 3 times!

Can I say the verse using only the Hidden
Word?

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Not yet

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Yes!

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Almost

This week, God reminded me:

MY PRAYER

God, today I feel:

God, I need help with:

God, thank You for:

MEMORY CHECK

Try to write this week's verse from
memory. Don't worry if you can't get every
word. God is still teaching your heart.

Use this space to slow down and reflect. Write what stood out to you, what God may be showing you, or a prayer you have.

Use this space to practice this week's Hidden Word.