



Sermon Notes

Season of Healing
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John 15:1-5

¹ *"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 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, 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.*

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.*

Why a vine?

We will not grow apart from Jesus.

2 Peter 3:18

¹⁸ *But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen.*

How do we remain in Christ?

It means to know Jesus Christ intimately. It means He is a living reality to us. We dwell in Christ and He dwells in us. He is the source of life, and it shows in everything we do.

Does your life demonstrate that you are in Christ?

"To be "in Christ" does not mean to be inside Christ, as tools are in a box or our clothes in a closet, but to be organically united to Christ, as a limb is in the body or a branch is in the tree. It is this personal relationship with Christ that is the distinctive mark of his authentic followers."

John R.W. Stott

Apart from Jesus Christ, we can do nothing that God has destined for us.

Our destiny is to be conformed to the image of Jesus Christ.



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Romans 8:29-30 The Message (MSG)

God knew what he was doing from the very beginning. He decided from the outset to shape the lives of those who love him along the same lines as the life of his Son. The Son stands first in the line of humanity he restored. We see the original and intended shape of our lives there in him. After God made that decision of what his children should be like, he followed it up by calling people by name. After he called them by name, he set them on a solid basis with himself. And then, after getting them established, he stayed with them to the end, gloriously completing what he had begun.

“Being a Christian is more than just an instantaneous conversion – it is a daily process whereby you grow to be more and more like Christ”

Billy Graham

We will not grow without obedience.

You can’t remain in Christ and be conformed to His likeness while living in disobedience.

Numbers 13:23

²³ *When they reached the Valley of Eshkol, they cut off a branch bearing a single cluster of grapes. Two of them carried it on a pole between them, along with some pomegranates and figs.*

The conditions of God’s blessing - Belief and Obedience.

Deuteronomy 8:6-8

⁶ *Observe the commands of the LORD your God, walking in obedience to him and revering him.*

⁷ *For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land—a land with brooks, streams, and deep springs gushing out into the valleys and hills; ⁸ a land with wheat and barley, vines and fig trees, pomegranates, olive oil and honey*

Healing comes with growth.

Healing is a natural part of growth.

A tree overcomes its injuries during the growth period.



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As we remain in Christ and grow in Him, we overcome our wounds.

1 John 5:1-5

¹ Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well. ² This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands. ³ In fact, this is love for God: to keep his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, ⁴ for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. ⁵ Who is it that overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.

We are God's children. We have experienced His love and forgiveness. As we love Him back, we want to keep His commands. As we obey Him and remain in Him, we are empowered to conquer the world's ways, including our own brokenness. As we conquer, we grow. As we grow, our old wounds are healed.

Isaiah 53:5

*⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions,
he was crushed for our iniquities;
the punishment that brought us peace was on him,
and by his wounds we are healed.*

Jesus was wounded so we could conquer, grow, and be healed our own wounds.

HEALING MANIFESTO

Lord, I commit to the following:

I will be real with You. That means admitting I'm not OK at times.

I will resist the urge to self-manage.

I will cooperate with Your work through obedience.

I will stop speaking negativity.

I will submit to Your process of removing the indelible stain of my sin and brokenness.



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