



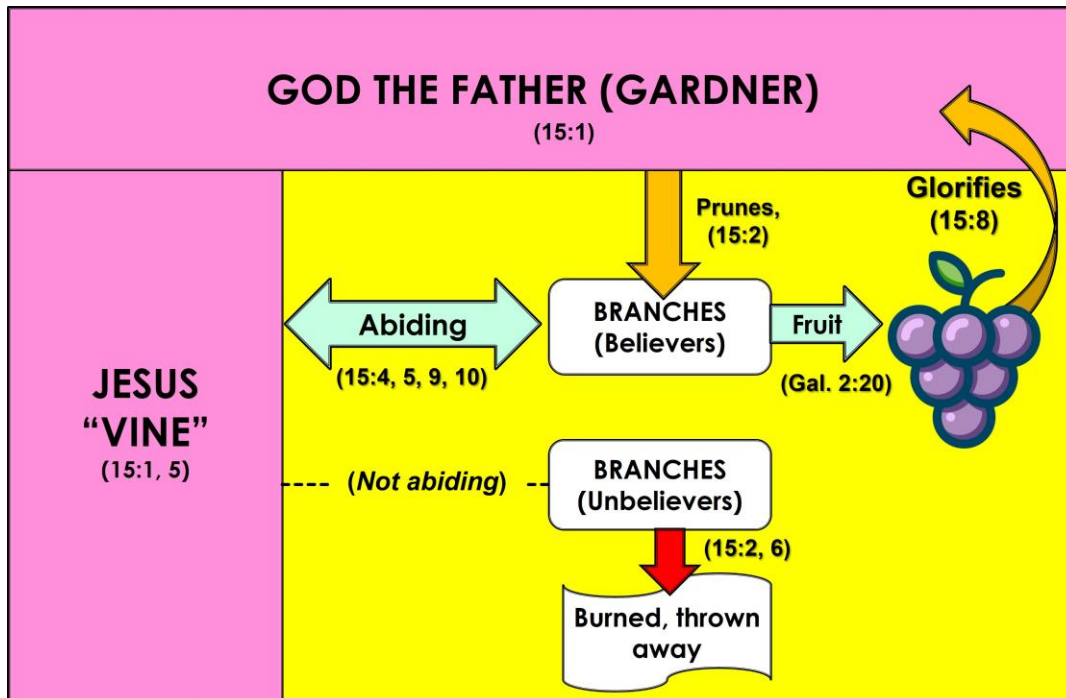
# EXALTING JESUS IN JOHN'S GOSPEL

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## PART 7: HOW TO GROW "GRAPES" (JOHN 15:1-11)



"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup> 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. <sup>5</sup> "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. <sup>6</sup> 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. <sup>7</sup> If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup> This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples. <sup>9</sup> "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. <sup>10</sup> If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. <sup>11</sup> I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. (Jn. 15:1-11 NIV)

# YOU GROW “GRAPES”...

## BY ABIDING IN PRAYER

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- Adoration: Reflect on God's nature and praise him for attributes that especially move you.
- Confession: Admit your sins, and sinful nature, to God. Be humble and honest before him. Remember that God loves you always and wants the best for you.
- Thanksgiving: Express your gratitude to God for the ways he has been generous to you.
- Supplication: Pray first for others, then for yourself. Be specific.

## BY ABIDING IN GOD'S WORD

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### A. How to study a Bible book using the W<sup>5</sup>H approach

- Who: Who is the author? Who are the intended recipients?
- When: When was this book written?
- Why: Why did the author write this book?
- What: What is the main purpose of the book?
- Where: Where was the author and the intended audience?
- How: How is the book structured? Look for an outline of the book which will show its main points, subpoints, etc. You may also want to try outlining the book yourself.

### B. How to study Bible chapters

- Observation (What does it say?)
- Interpretation (What does it mean?)
- Application: Ask yourself: “What am I going to do about this now?”

### C. How to study Bible topics using the S-E-A-T approach

- Select a topic
- Examine the topic
- Analyze your notes
- Test against extra-biblical sources

### D. How to read devotional books

- First, Invite God to speak to your heart about what you are reading.
- Second, have a spirit of expectancy.
- Third, feel free to periodically stop and reflect on what you've read.

### E. How to begin

- Decide to \_\_\_\_\_
- Set a \_\_\_\_\_
- Find a \_\_\_\_\_
- Begin with \_\_\_\_\_
- Keep a \_\_\_\_\_

REMEMBER..."As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. <sup>11</sup> I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.