

UNTIL I RETURN

Based On the Book by Jeff Walling

Lesson 4 - Stay Close To Me

Intro: Read John 15:5-8. In this passage, Jesus gives us three commands that will help us until He returns:

1. Stay with M_____!
2. Get A_____!
3. Do what your T_____!

Now read John 15:1-8. What point did Jesus stress the most in these verses?

1. Why Should We Remain in Jesus?

A. Jesus is the T_____ vine. What are some "false vines" people follow?

* The true vine gives us _____.

B. Because God the Father is the V_____!

* The job of the vinedresser is to _____, Read

Heb.12:7. What does this passage say to this study today?

Read 2 Thess.1:7-9. What does this have to do with the story of the vine?

C. Because we can't bear fruit A_____!

What happens to the branches that do not bear fruit? What did they lose to get in that condition?

* To prove the point that we can do nothing without Jesus, look at our society today:

What have we done to stop social injustice?

What have we done about gang problems among our youth?

What have we done about global unrest/worldwide terrorism?

Without Jesus' divine wisdom and merciful grace, we are lost and fruitless. Walling.

D. Because becoming "In Him" will make us F_____!

Be helpful. Be kind. Be courteous. What happens in the real world when we try to live these creeds?

* The key to living like this is not to focus on the rewards, but to focus on J_____ whom we have pledged to follow! We need to change our M_____.

Without Jesus, we can't be a L_____ to the world. Without Jesus, we can't be the S_____ of the earth. Without Jesus, we can't be the branch that bears _____. With Jesus, we can have J_____.

With Jesus, we can be F_____. With Jesus, we can be E_____! What is so important about bearing fruit? (Jo.15:8)