



Summer of Single

This summer is all about you!

Week 5

Loving God

In your own time, take a moment to read the following scripture selection and then highlight what stands out to you.


Consider: How do you make God a priority in your day-to-day?

Do you believe your relationship with God has been impacted by your relationships with others?

How has your relationship with God grown over the last 4 years?


What has God shown you personally about relationships with your life with Him?



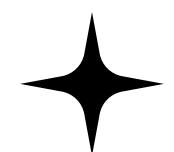


This week, we're discussing our relationship with God. I firmly believe it's the blueprint of our relationship with others, which is why so many scriptures emphasize putting God first and abiding in Him. One of my favorite selections is from what Jesus says in John 15:1-11 AMP.

Jesus Is the Vine—Followers Are Branches



15 “[a] I am the true Vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. ² Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, He takes away; and every *branch* that continues to bear fruit, He [repeatedly] prunes, so that it will bear more fruit [even richer and finer fruit]. ³ You are already clean because of the word which I have given you [the teachings which I have discussed with you]. ⁴ Remain in Me, and I [will remain] in you. Just as no branch can bear fruit by itself without remaining in the vine, neither can you [bear fruit, producing evidence of your faith] unless you remain in Me. ⁵ [a] I am the Vine; you are the branches. The one who remains in Me and I in him bears much fruit, for [otherwise] apart from Me [that is, cut off from vital union with Me] you can do nothing. ⁶ If anyone does not remain in Me, he is thrown out like a [broken off] branch, and withers *and* dies; and they gather such branches and throw them into the fire, and they are burned. ⁷ If you remain in Me and My words remain in you [that is, if we are vitally united and My message lives in your heart], ask whatever you wish and it will be done for you. ⁸ My Father is glorified *and* honored by this, when you bear much fruit, and prove yourselves to be My [true] disciples. ⁹ I have loved you just as the Father has loved Me; remain in My love [and do not doubt My love for you]. ¹⁰ If you keep My commandments *and* obey My teaching, you will remain in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and remain in His love. ¹¹ I have told you these things so that My joy *and* delight may be in you, and that your joy may be made full *and* complete *and* overflowing.



What have you had to let go to strengthen your relationship with God or dependency on Him?

What are you doing this season to stay abiding in the Lord?

What attributes has God shown you that you want in your relationships with others?

How has your relationship with Him set the tone/standard for other relationships in your life?

Fill in the blank: "Because of my relationship with the Father, I can..."