2021 - ALL Things New, Keys To Spiritual Growth

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John 15:1-4 "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."

Growth Requires Pruning

Change, is part of God's creation

<u>Faith</u> is trust in God. It is experienced in the present and is orientated toward the future.

John 15:5-8 (Jesus) "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. ⁶ 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. ⁷ If you remain in Me and My words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ This is to My Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be My disciples."

If we want to grow <u>spiritually</u>, we must stay connected to Jesus

Genesis 3:8 "Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden."

John 15:9-17 ""As the Father has loved Me, so have I loved you. Now remain in My love. ¹⁰ 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. 11 I have told you this so that My joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. ¹² My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. 14 You are My friends if you do what I command. ¹⁵ I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from My Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶ You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in My name the Father will give you. ¹⁷ This is My command: Love each other."

5 Keys To Spiritual Growth And Deepen Your Friendship With Jesus.

- 1. Prayer
- 2. Worship
- 3. Devotion
- 4. Community
- 5. Solitude

John 15:13 (Jesus) "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends."