

“Abide in Me”

Sermon

John 15:1–8, 16

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- 1) We are often content where we are. God is intent on preparing us for where He wants us to go.

Jesus said, “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit.” *John 15:1-2*

“For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.” *Jeremiah 29:11*

- 2) We are His chosen. Not rejected, but accepted.

Jesus said, “You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide...”

John 15:16

“But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.” *1 Peter 2:9*