




TALES
OF
THE
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1. Jesus _____ me my _____ of Him.

“I am the true grapevine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch of mine that doesn’t produce fruit, and he prunes the branches that do bear fruit so they will produce even more. You have already been pruned and purified by the message I have given you. Remain in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me. “Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing.” John 15:1-5 (NLT)

“But if you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask for anything you want, and it will be granted! When you produce much fruit, you are my true disciples. This brings great glory to my Father.” John 15:7-8

2. Jesus _____ when I _____ Him.

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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[CONNECT]

Share what comes to mind for you when you think about prayer

[ENGAGE]

What impacted you the most from the message?

Can you share a personal experience where your relationship with God grew richer and deeper over time?

[GROW]

Read Luke 11:1-4

How does Jesus' model of prayer in Luke 11:1-4 guide your own prayer life?

Read Luke 11:5-13

Reflect on a time when persistent prayer led to a significant response from God in your life.

Reflect on a time when you realized that what God provided was exactly what you needed, even if it wasn't what you initially wanted.

Have you tried using the YouVersion app or any other tools to enhance your prayer life? What has been your experience?

How do you plan to incorporate prayer more intentionally into your daily routine this week?

[LEAD (YOURSELF)]

This isn't a new exercise, but it is one that is important to reflect and process how you spend your time. Do you prioritize spending time with God? If so, how's that going? Is there something more that the Lord might want to invite you into? If not, how might your day be different if you devoted time at the beginning of each day to pray and read the bible? What if you ended each day the same way? Pray and ask the Lord to guide you in what He would like to invite you into for the coming days. Maybe it's simply disciplining yourself to wake up and acknowledging Him with a simple prayer. Having your bible on your nightstand and reading on verse from Proverbs or Psalms.