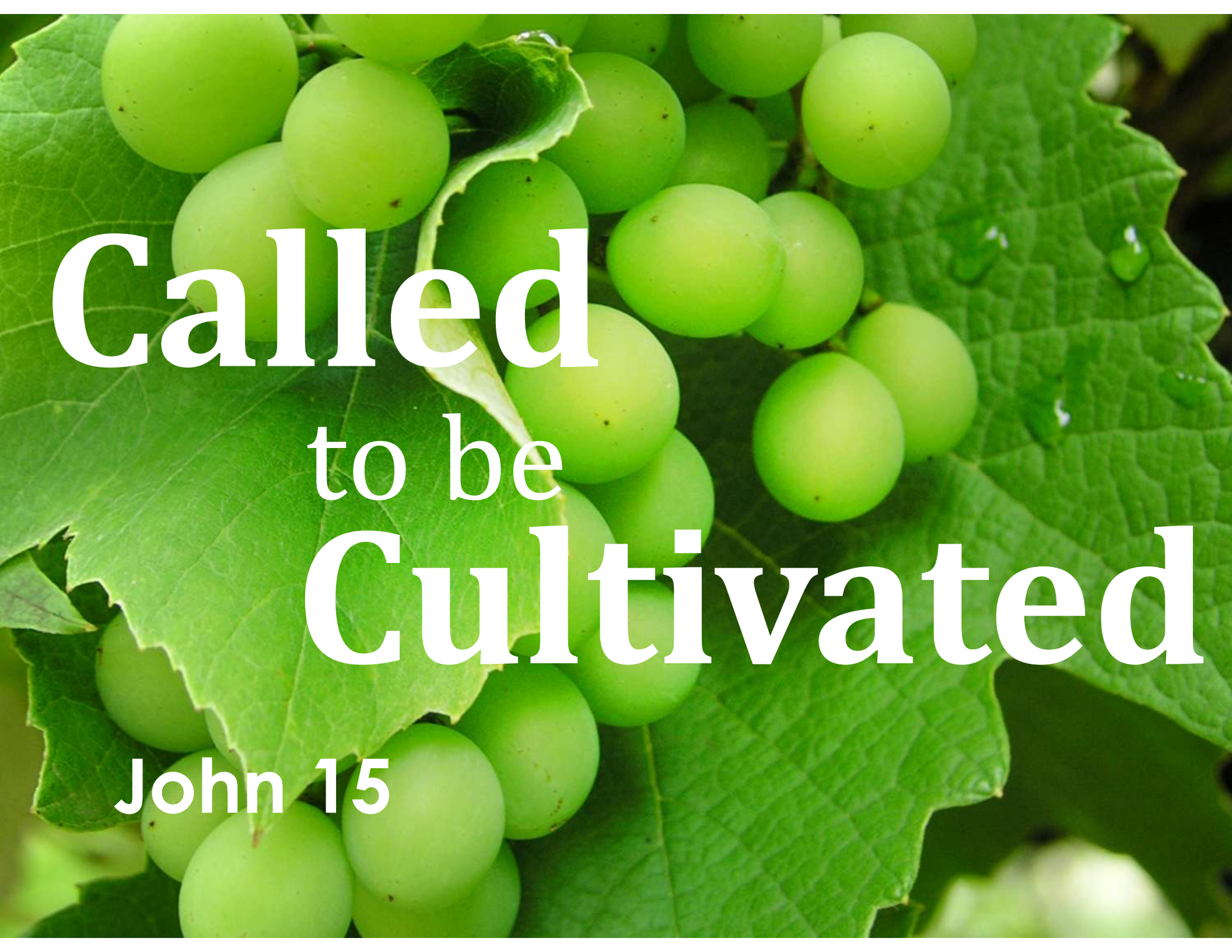




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Lessons from John 15

- ***“Abiding” – 10 times vs. 1-11***
 - *Vital Union – Relationship to Christ*
 - ***“Love” – 4 times vs. 12-17***
 - *Vital Fellowship – Relationship to Believers*
 - ***“Hate” – 8 times in v. 18-27***
 - *Vital attack – Relationship to world*
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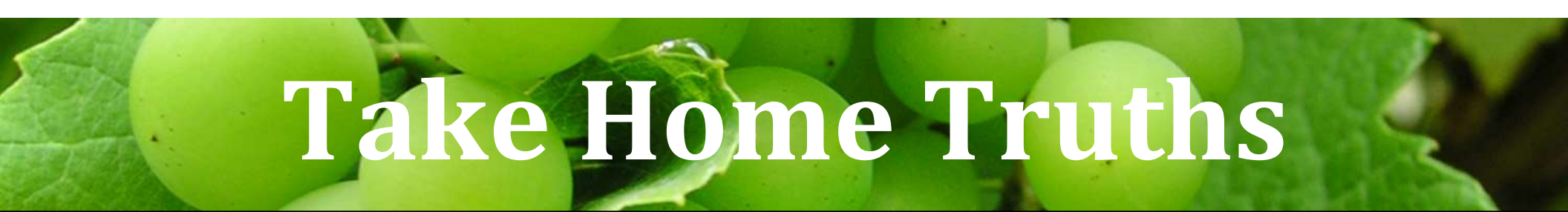
Who is in this metaphor?

- ***Jesus – the Vine (vs. 1)***
 - ***Father – the Vinedresser (vs. 1)***
 - ***You and I – the Branches (vs. 1)***
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4 Baskets of Varying Abundance

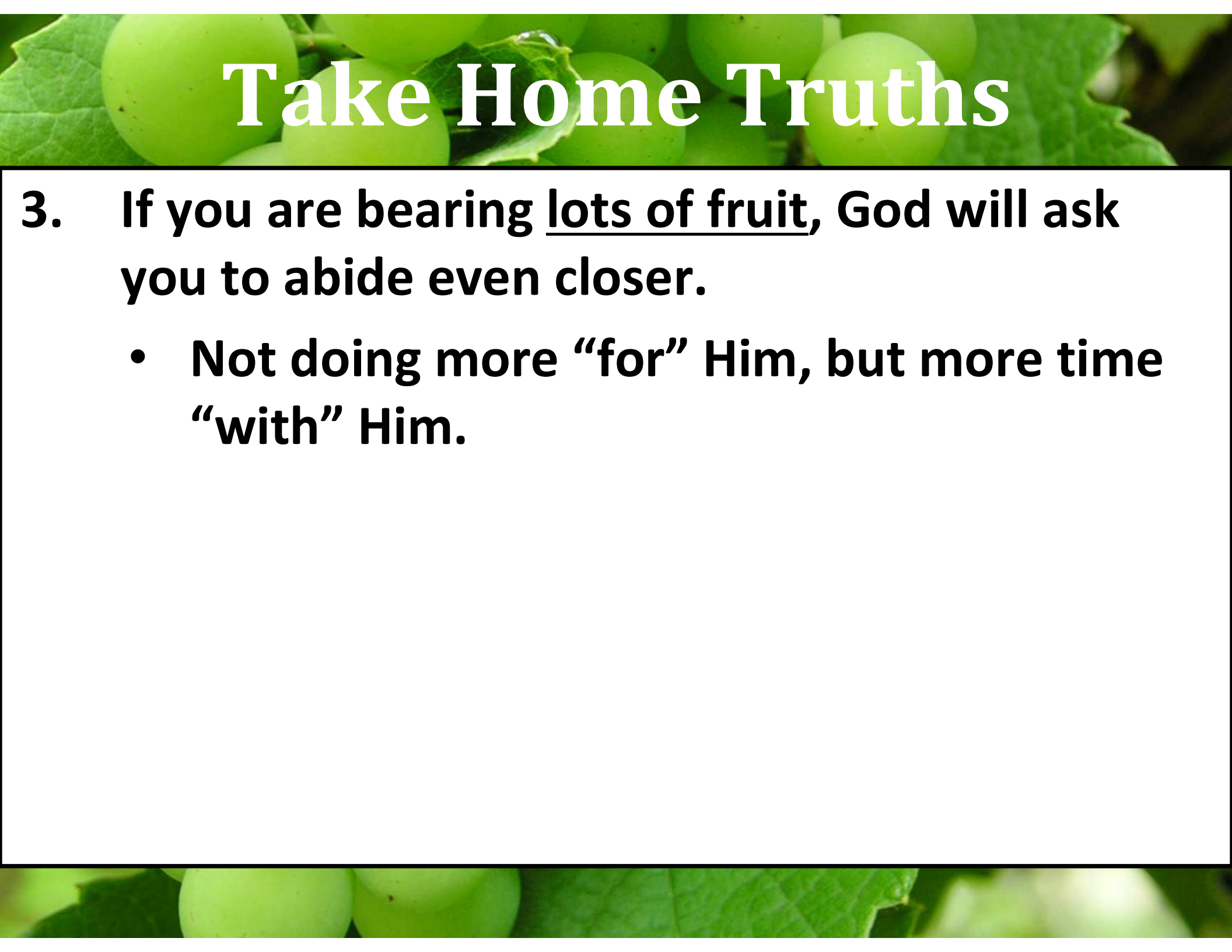
1. “No fruit” (*vs. 2*) – “*lifts up*”
 2. “Little fruit” (*vs. 2*) – “*purges*”
 3. “More fruit” (*vs. 2*) – “*prunes*”
 4. “Much fruit” (*vs. 5*)
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Take Home Truths

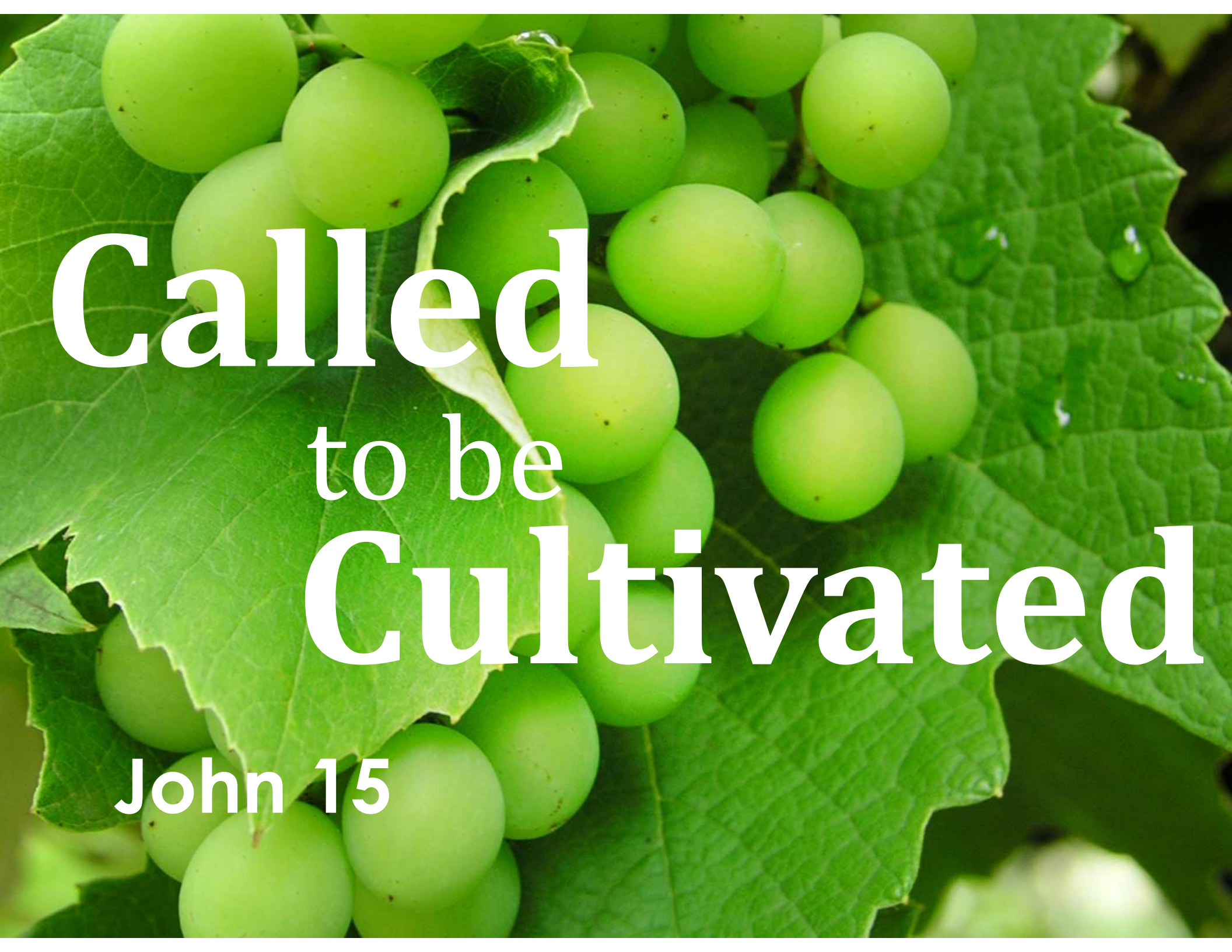
- 1. If you are bearing no fruit spiritually, God will step in and lovingly discipline you.**
 - The closer the knife, the nearer God's hand**
- 2. If you are bearing some fruit, God will lovingly prune you.**
 - Producing fruit isn't a matter of working harder, but staying connected**





Take Home Truths

- 3. If you are bearing lots of fruit, God will ask you to abide even closer.**
- Not doing more “for” Him, but more time “with” Him.**



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