

Message Outline

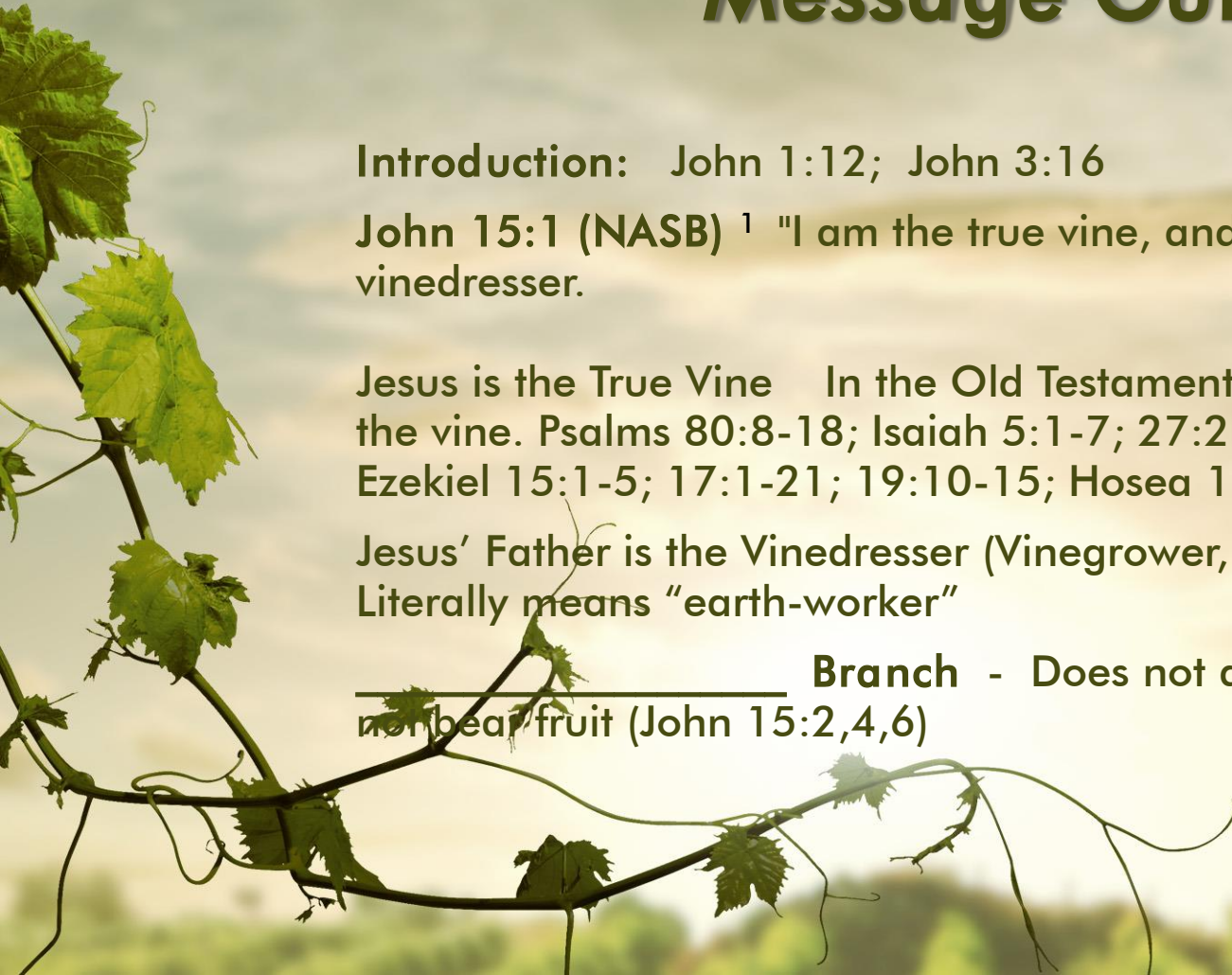
Introduction: John 1:12; John 3:16

John 15:1 (NASB) ¹ "I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser.

Jesus is the True Vine In the Old Testament, Israel was often called the vine. Psalms 80:8-18; Isaiah 5:1-7; 27:2-6; Jeremiah 2:21-22; Ezekiel 15:1-5; 17:1-21; 19:10-15; Hosea 10:1-2

Jesus' Father is the Vinedresser (Vinegrower, Husbandman, Farmer)
Literally means "earth-worker"

Branch - Does not abide in Jesus and does not bear fruit (John 15:2,4,6)



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_____ Branch - that abides & bears fruit, more fruit, or much fruit

How does a person abide in Jesus?

Continual feasting on the One	(Word of God)
Continual Praying to One	(Prayer)
Continual Helper of One	(Holy Spirit)
Continual Learner of One	(Disciple means learner or student) (a follower who obeys the Master)
Continual Lover of the One	(Great Commandments – Love the Lord, Love Others)

Andrew Murray in His classic *Abide in Christ* "All the vine
_____ belongs to the branches." (pg. 31)

Colossians 2:9-10 (NASB) ⁹ For in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form, ¹⁰ and in Him you have been made complete, and He is the head over all rule and authority;

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Devotional Readings for the Week on Abiding

Monday	Psalms 91:1-4
Tuesday	John 15:1-11
Wednesday	John 15:16
Thursday	1 John 2:4-6
Friday	1 John 2:9-11; 3:6,9
Saturday	1 John 2:14,24-28
Sunday	1 John 3:24; 4:12-16

URL Links to Songs on the Internet

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=524bqBlhleE>

Hymn: Constantly Abiding

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Library Books from BCC

Subject	Title	Author	Call #
Seeking God	The Pursuit of God	A.W. Tozer	234.1 Toz
Deeper Life	They Found the Secret	V. Raymond Edmund	234.1 Edm
Deeper Life	The Heart of Holiness	Samuel Brengle	234.1 Bre



J E S U S

I AM the life

Message PowerPoint Slides

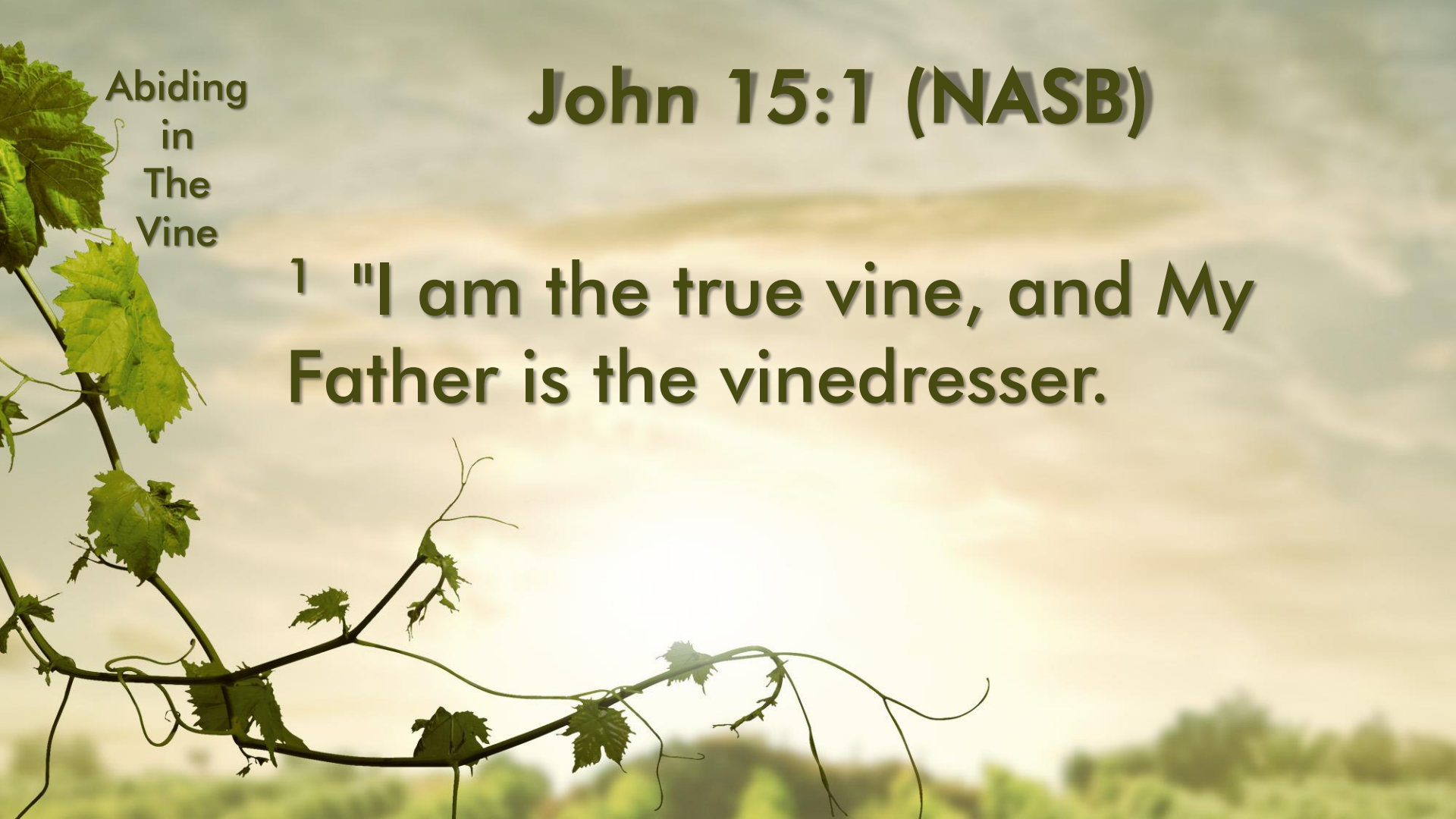
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Abiding In The Vine

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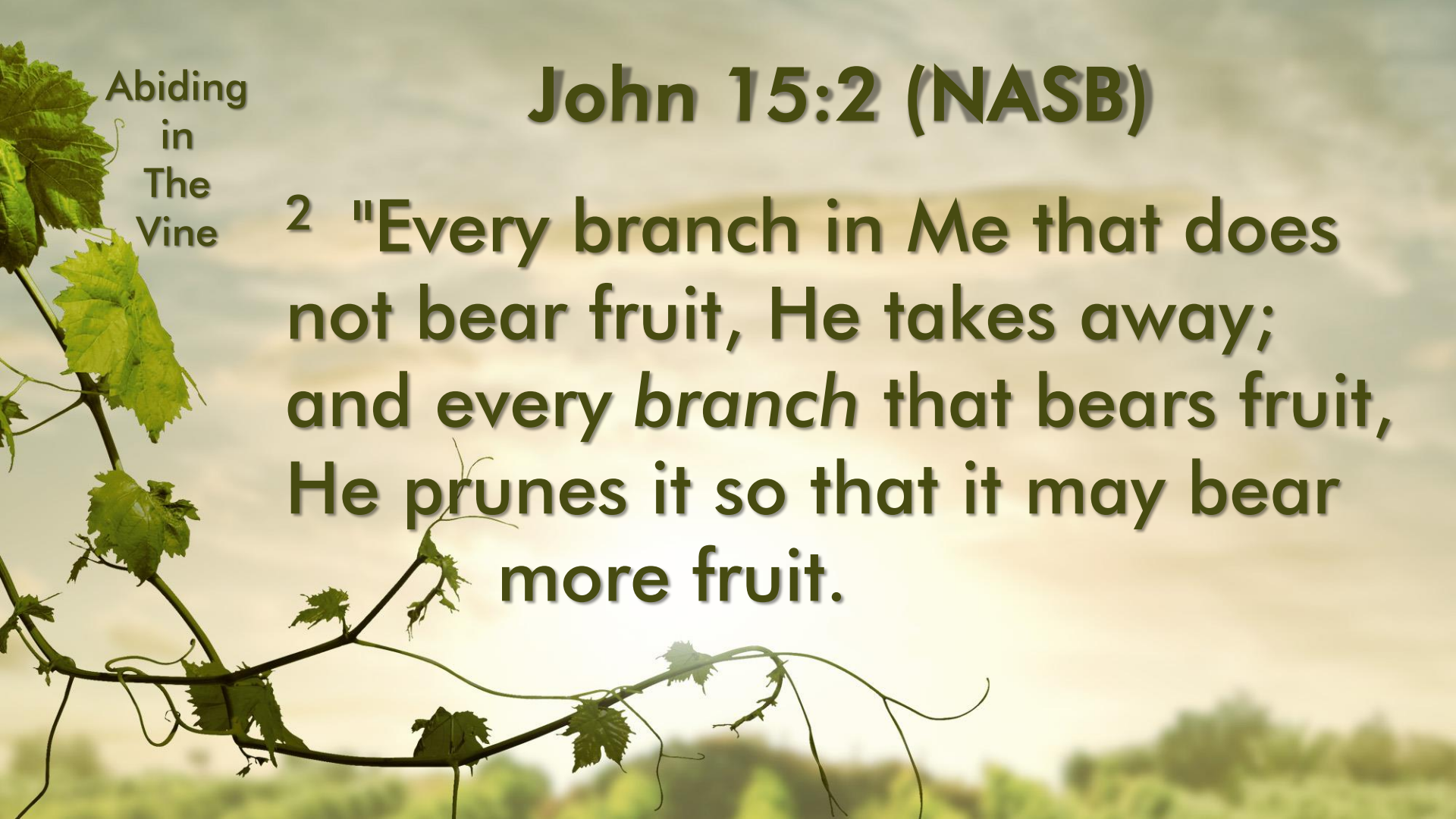
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Non-abiding Branch

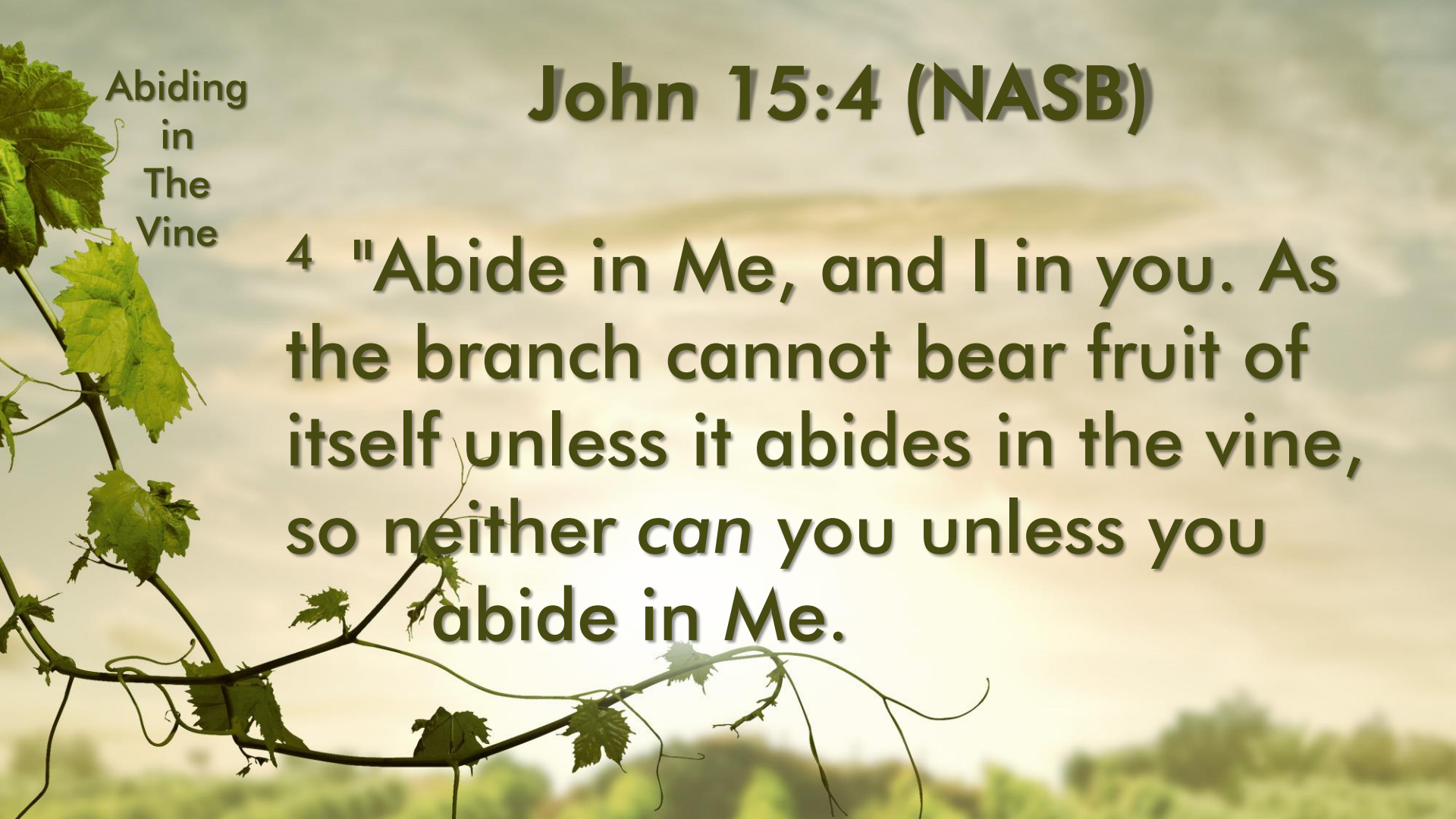




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John 15:2 (NASB)

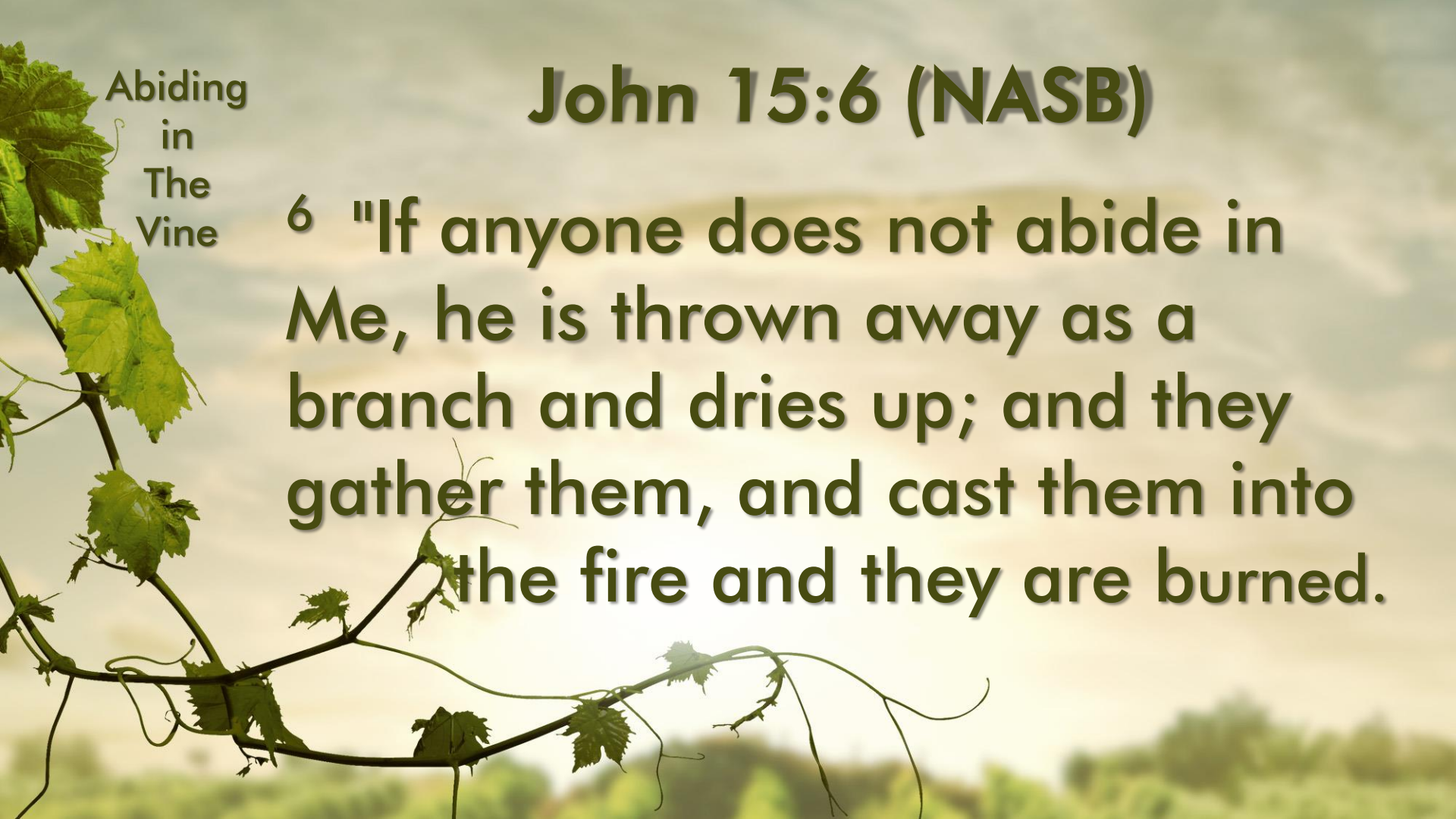
2 "Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, He takes away; and every *branch* that bears fruit, He prunes it so that it may bear more fruit.



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John 15:4 (NASB)

4 "Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you unless you abide in Me.



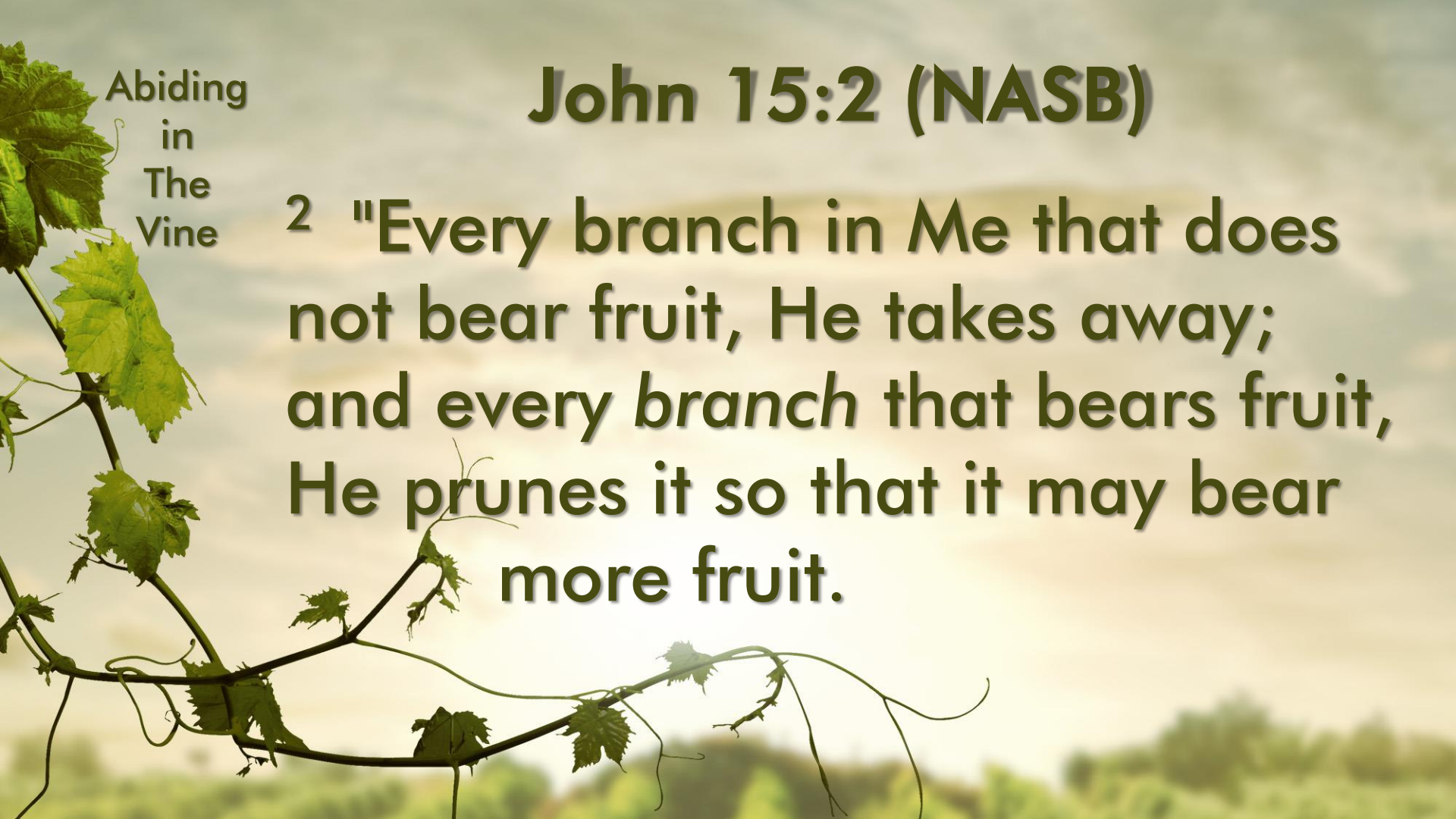
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John 15:6 (NASB)

6 "If anyone does not abide in Me, he is thrown away as a branch and dries up; and they gather them, and cast them into the fire and they are burned.

Abiding Branch

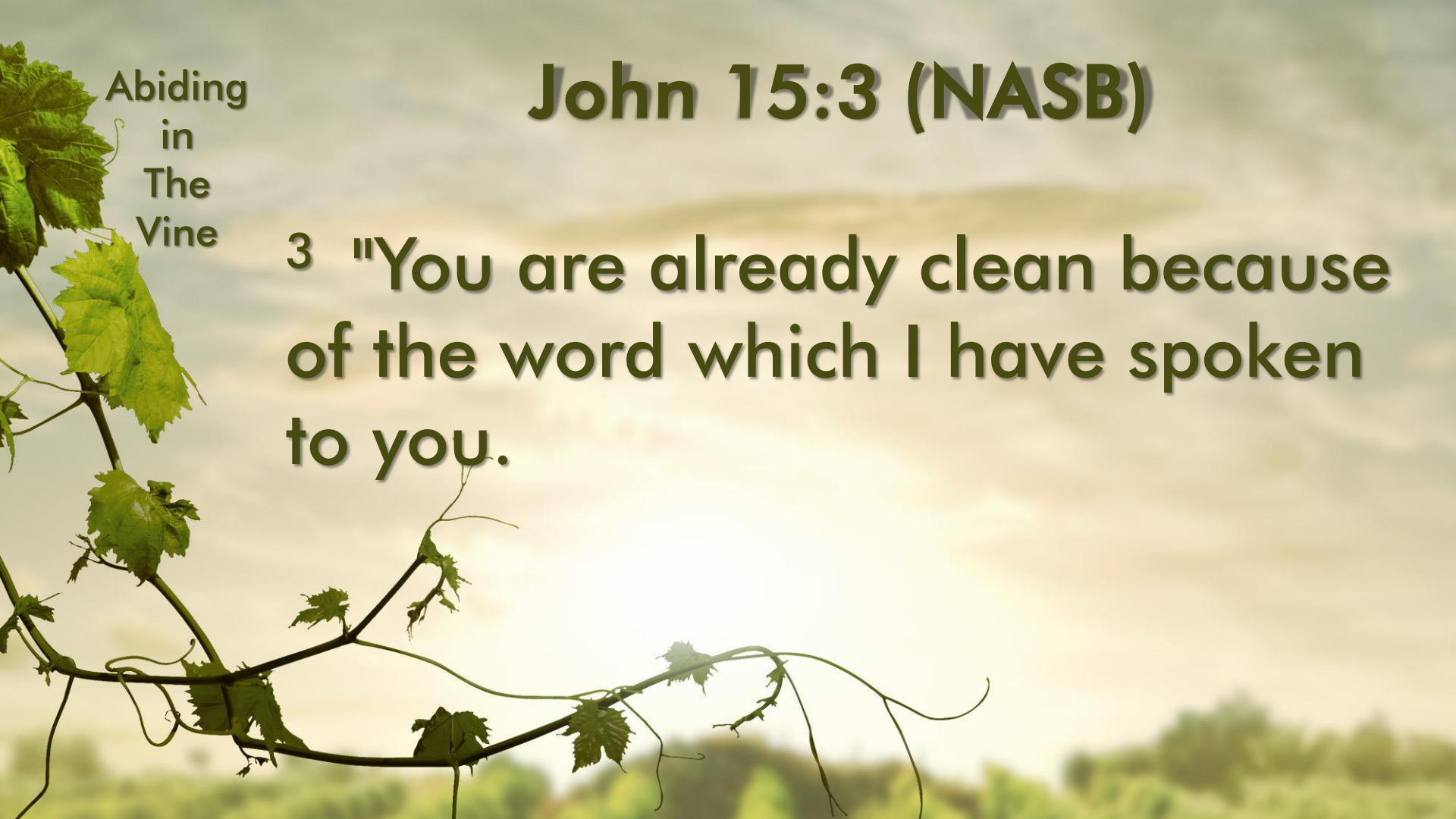




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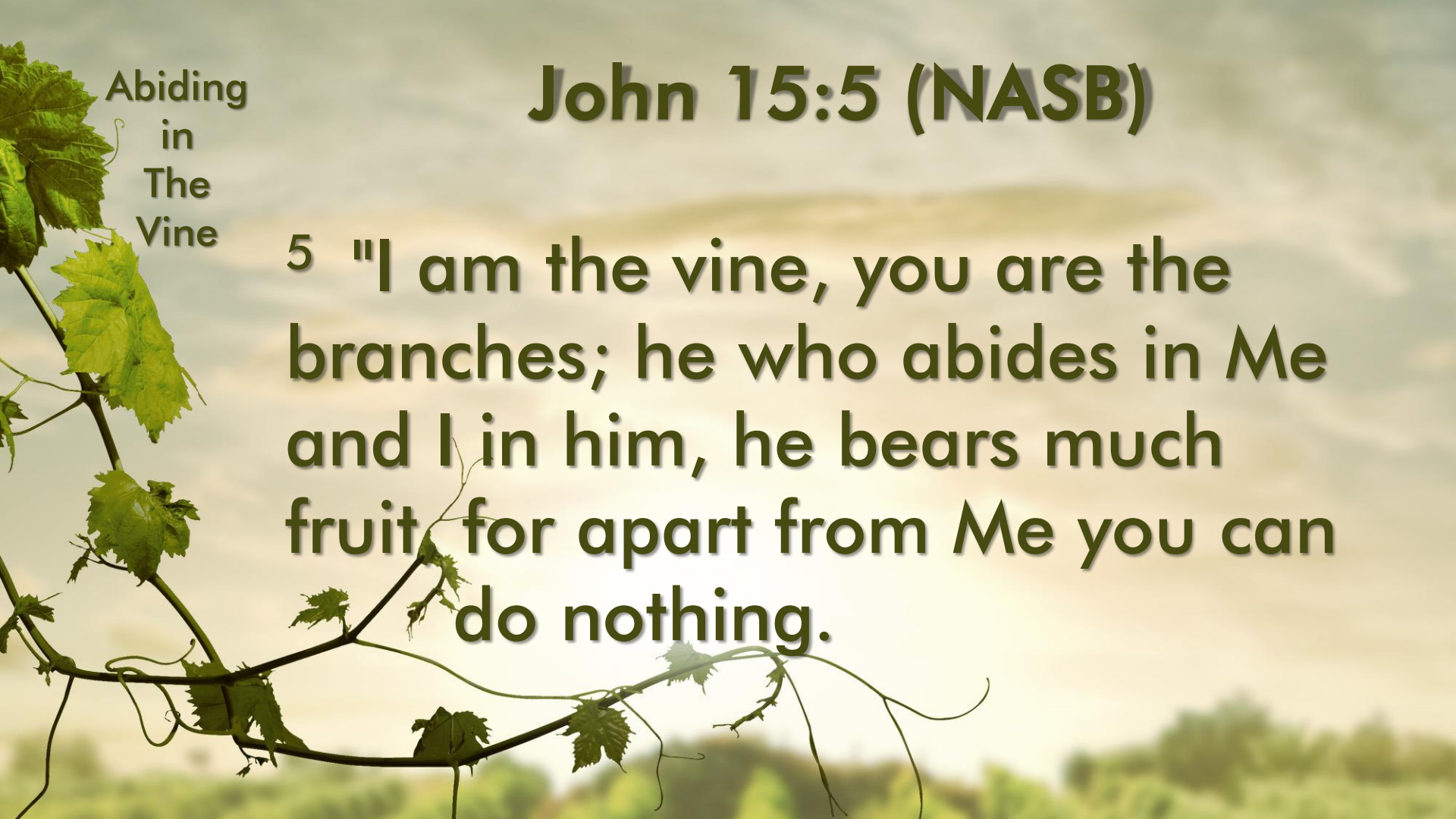
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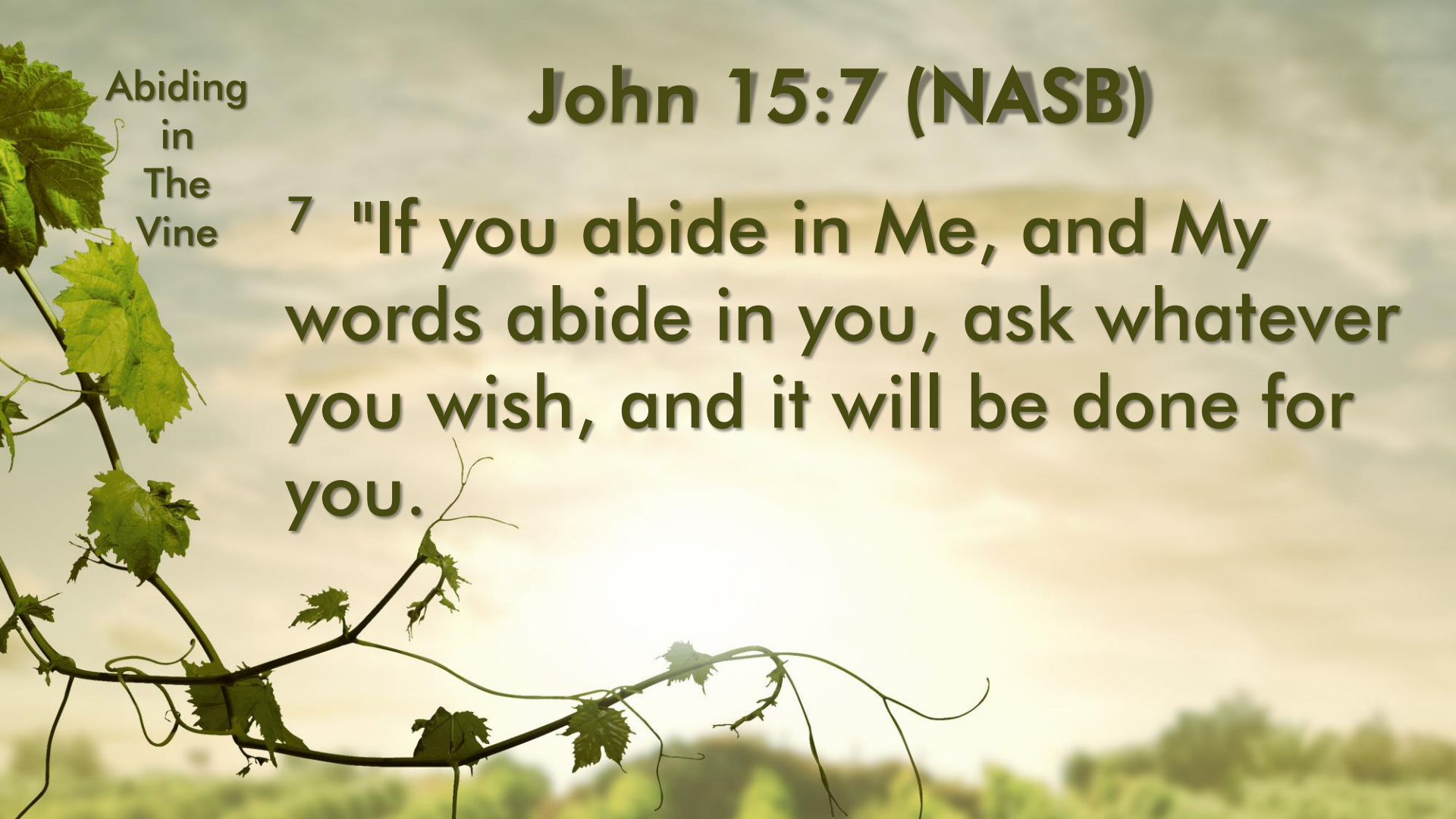
3 "You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you.



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John 15:5 (NASB)

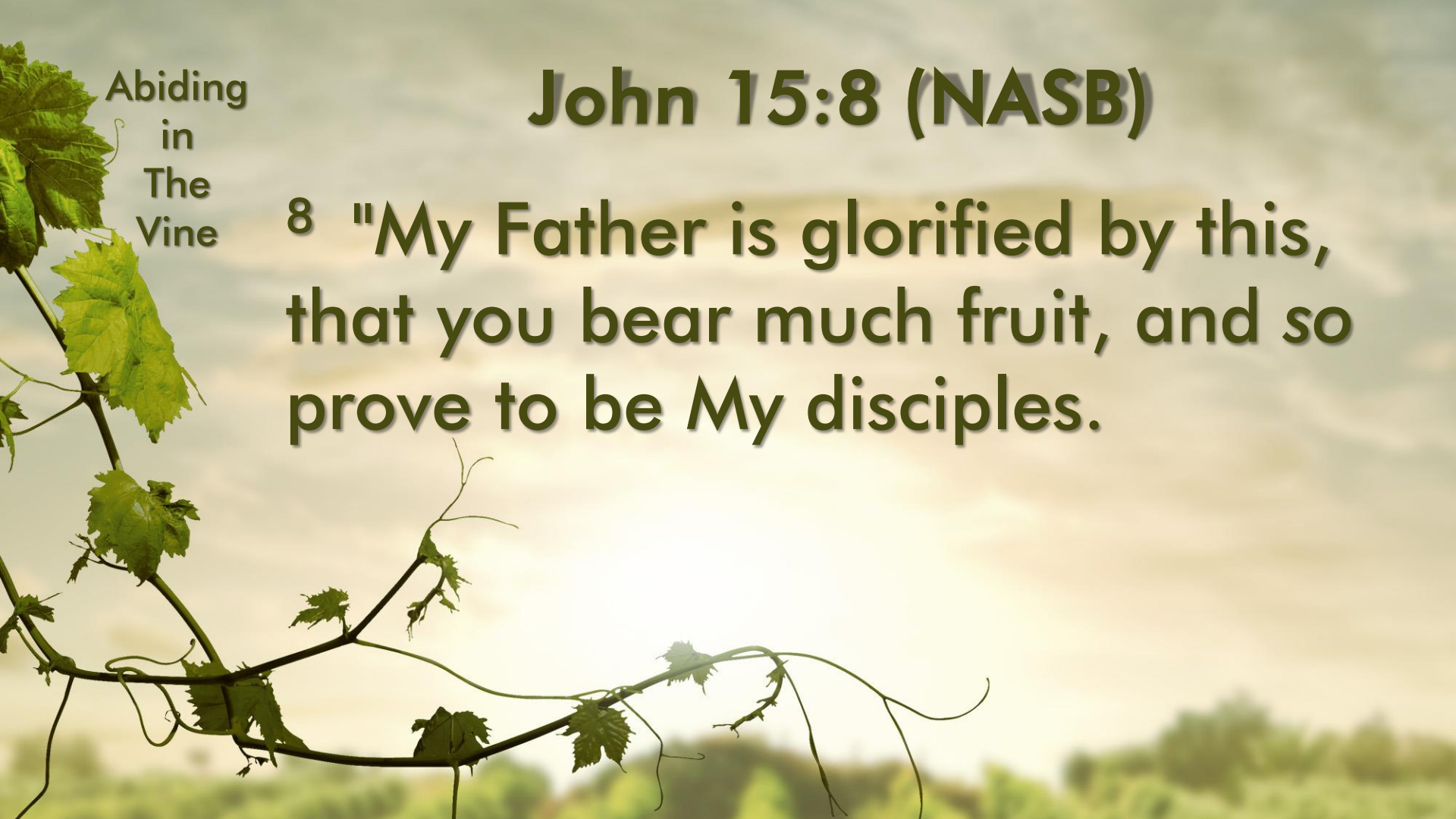
5 "I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.



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John 15:7 (NASB)

7 "If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.



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John 15:8 (NASB)

8 "My Father is glorified by this,
that you bear much fruit, and so
prove to be My disciples.

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Continual Lover of the One (Great Commandments)

All the vine possesses belongs to the branches.



Total Dissatisfaction of Other Vines

Total Dependence

Total Desire

Total Delight

Total Desperation

Questions:

1. What has been your experience with gardening?
2. Read Isaiah 5:1-7 and Psalm 80:8-18. How do these verses shed light on what Jesus is saying about Himself as the 'true vine' (John 15:1)?
3. Non-Abiding Branches "There are two main explanations of John 15:6. 1) the 'throwing out' and 'burning' refer to God's temporary chastisement of the fruitless Christian and represent the 'wood, hay, and straw' of 1 Corinthians 3:9-15, or 2) the fruitless branches are like the weeds of Matthew 13:24-30,36-43; they are counterfeit Christians. Which interpretation is the more meaningful to you?"

Questions (continued)

4. Can a person be a Christian and not bear any fruit at all, according to this chapter?
5. What do the following verses teach about being made 'clean because of the word'(John 15:3)?
 - Psalm 119:9-11
 - John 12:48
 - Ephesians 5:26
6. Can you tell of a time recently when you were made 'clean' by a specific verse of Scripture?
7. The Father prunes fruitful branches to make them more fruitful (Jn 15:2). In what ways have you experienced the Father's 'pruning,' and what were the results?

Questions (continued)

8. How intimate is the relationship of the believer to Jesus, according to the figure of vine and branch?
9. There are three categories described in this passage – those bearing no fruit, those bearing some fruit, and those bearing much fruit. In which category would you place yourself, and why?
10. In what way does this 'prove' our discipleship? Or, looking at it the other way, what does our example of fruitlessness prove or reveal about us (John 15:8) ?
11. What are some specific things you can do to deepen your relationship with Jesus?

Questions (continued)

12. Jesus says in Jn 15:5-8 that apart from Him the disciples can do nothing. How would that be a challenge and a comfort in view of His impending departure?
13. In the metaphor of the vine, what dangers / temptations do you think Jesus might have been addressing by His strong admonitions to abide in Him in John 15:6?
14. Apart from Jesus we can do nothing. How have you experienced the reality of this in your own Christian life?
15. How do we 'abide' in Him? What does this look like in practice? What does it mean to abide or remain in Christ?