



Bear Fruits Abundantly!

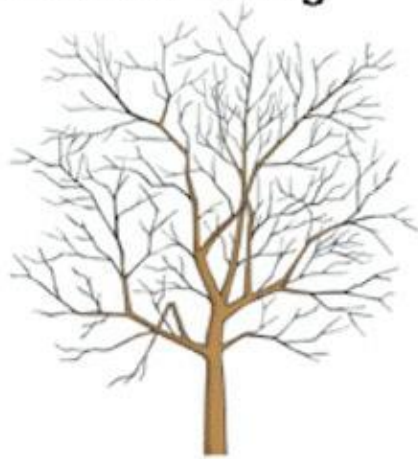


Bear Fruits that will Last!



Summer Pruning encourages flowering and fruiting

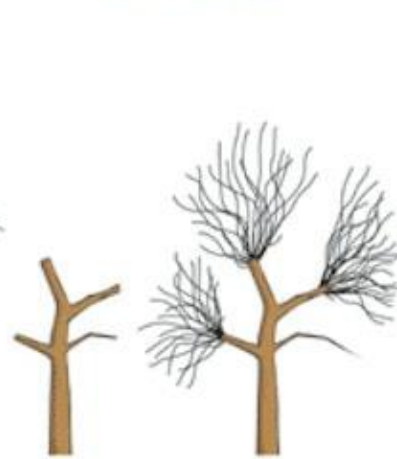
A Look at Pruning



Before Pruning



Well-Pruned, Open Head



Topping produces clumps of uncontrolled growth

GOOD

NOT GOOD

HOW TO PRUNE PEAR TREES



GARDENER'S PATH

Winter Pruning controls shapes and vigor

- 1) Remove 3 "D's": diseased, dying, and dead wood.
- 2) Remove crossing branches
- 3) Make the biggest cuts first!
- 4) Make clean cuts
- 5) Take your time

Garden of Eden
Paradise Lost
at Yesan, S. Korea
September 2023



Bearing fruits? Ruining someone else's!

***"A Garden of Eden your dad grew for the last 30 years
turned a Paradise Lost on half a day."***

O-Chon-Ri, S. Korea, September 28, 2023

Stewardship

talent
planning
giving
time
caring
community
faith
pledge
LOVE
treasure
vision
growing
support
commitment
blessing
sharing



EARN
ALL YOU CAN
SAVE
ALL YOU CAN
GIVE
ALL YOU CAN

JOHN WESLEY

1. Leaving Ineffective Acts of Stakeholders - Oct. 8
2. Fruitful and Effective Leadership - Oct. 15
3. Leading the Fruitless to the Fruitful - Oct. 22
4. Reform the Fruitless Church - Oct. 29
5. Serve Like the Fruitful Forefathers - Nov. 5
6. Lay Down Life for Fruitful Journey - Nov. 12
7. Celebrate the Effective Works of the Lord - Nov. 19
8. Count Your Blessings (Thanksgiving Eve) - Nov. 22
9. Reign of the Faithful and Effective King - Nov. 26



Faithful & Effective

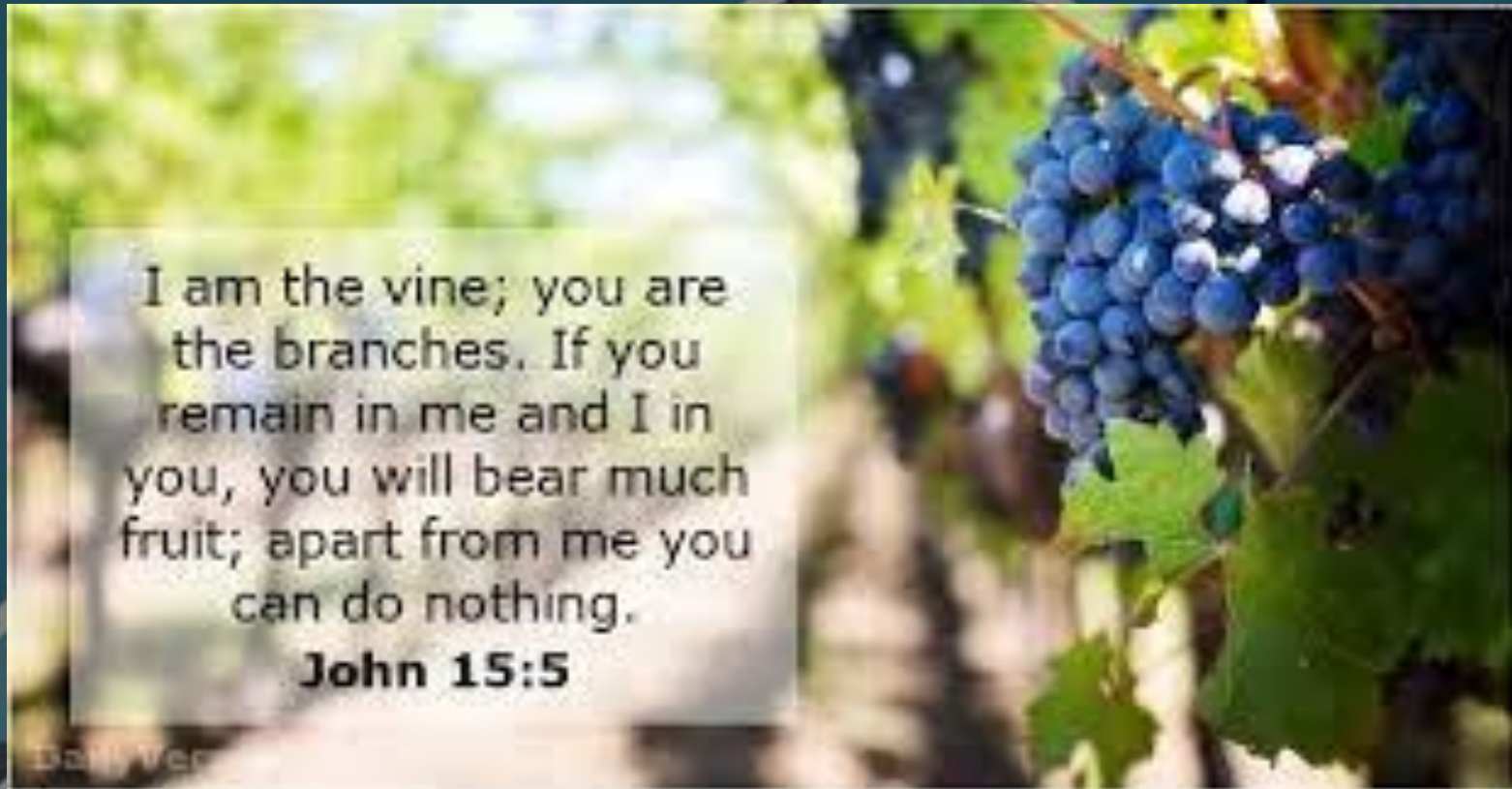
John 15:1-8

On Fruitful Life



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.

John 15:5



John 15:1-8

Judgment on the Fruitless Judah

*I will sing for the one I love a song about his vineyard:
My loved one had a vineyard on a fertile hillside.
He dug it up and cleared it of stones and planted it with the choicest vines.
He built a watchtower in it and cut out a winepress as well.
Then he looked for a crop of good grapes, but it yielded only bad fruit.*

*You dweller in Jerusalem and men of Judah ... what more could have been done
for my vineyard that I have done for it? ...*

*I will take away its hedge, and it will be destroyed;
I will break down its wall, and it will be trampled.
I will make it a wasteland, neither pruned nor cultivated, and briers and thorns will
grow there.
I will command the clouds not to rain on it.*

*The vineyard of the Lord Almighty is the house of Israel, and
the men of Judah are the garden of his delight. And he looked for justice, but saw
bloodshed; for righteousness, but heard cries of distress. (Isaiah 5:1-7)*



An Introduction
to Language
in the
Johannine
Community:

*Love, Friendship, and Discipleship in the
Gospel according to John*
David Kaczmarek, T.O.R.

John 15:1-8
Pruning Discipleship



This is to my Father's glory,
that you bear much fruit,
showing yourselves to be my disciples.

John 15:8

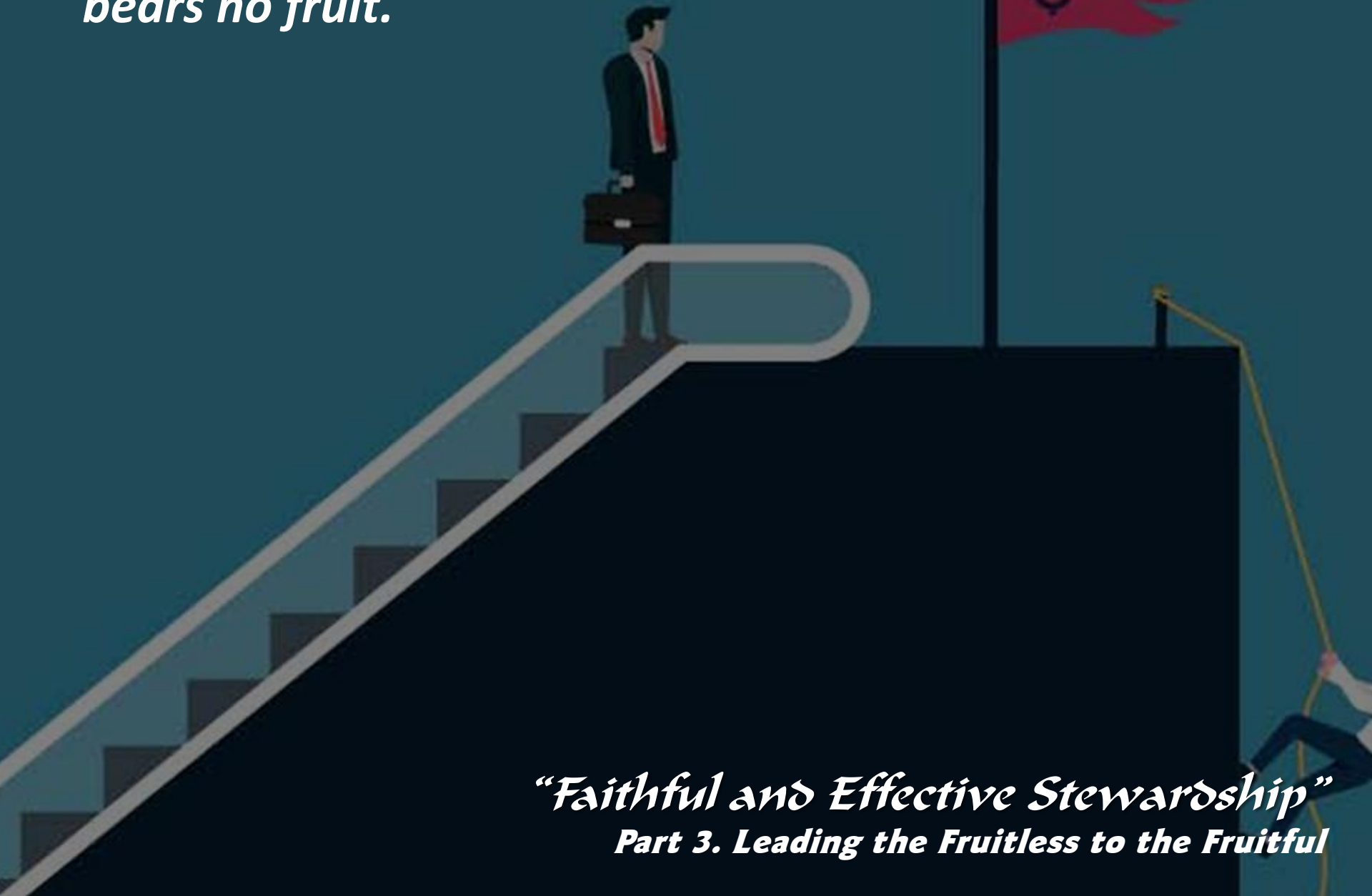
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A Fruitful Disciple for Fruitful Church

St. Ambrose Parish, North Branford, CT

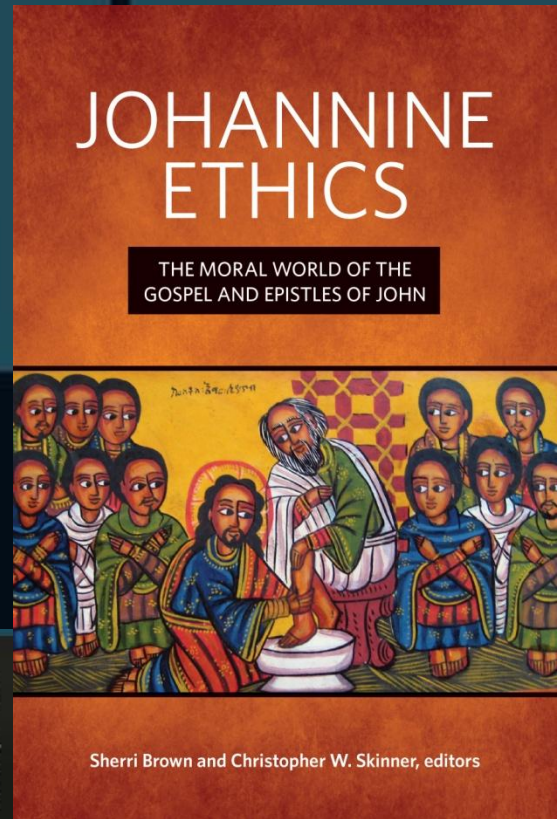
To be a disciple of Christ,
**YOU TELL OTHERS &
BUILD FAITHFUL COMMUNITY.**

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“Faithful and Effective Stewardship”
Part 3. Leading the Fruitless to the Fruitful

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I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. 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.

John 15:1-2

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JOHANNINE ETHICS

THE MORAL WORLD OF THE GOSPEL AND EPISTLES OF JOHN



Sherri Brown and Christopher W. Skinner, editors

*As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. ... My command is this: **Love each other.** Greater love has no one than this, that he lays down his life for his friends.*

John 15: 9, 12-13

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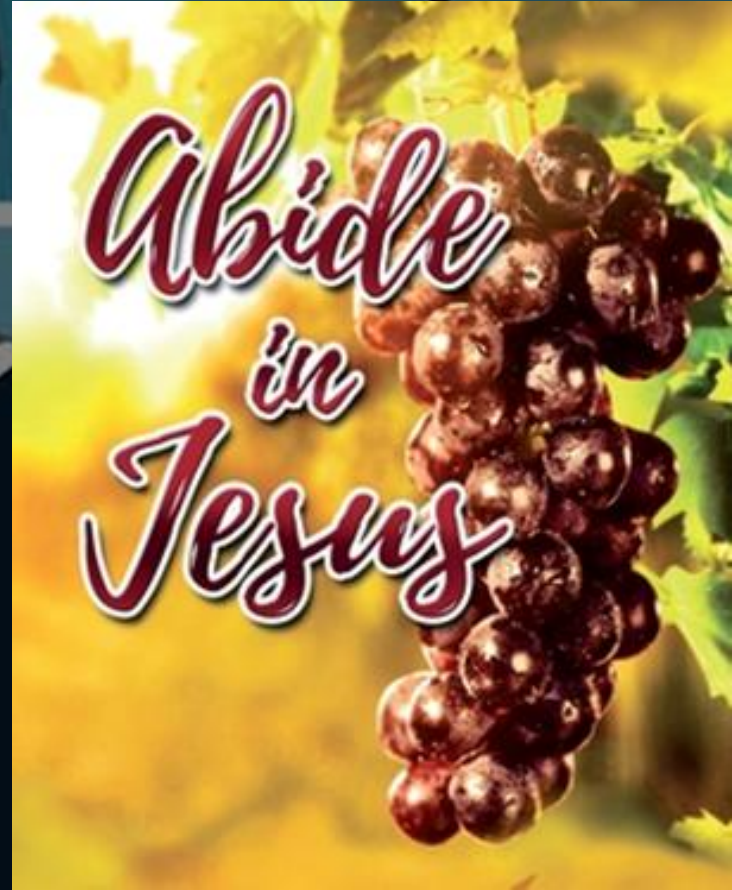
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You did not choose me,
but I chose you and appointed you
so that you might go and bear fruit
—fruit that will last—
and so that whatever you ask in my
name the Father will give you.

John 15:16



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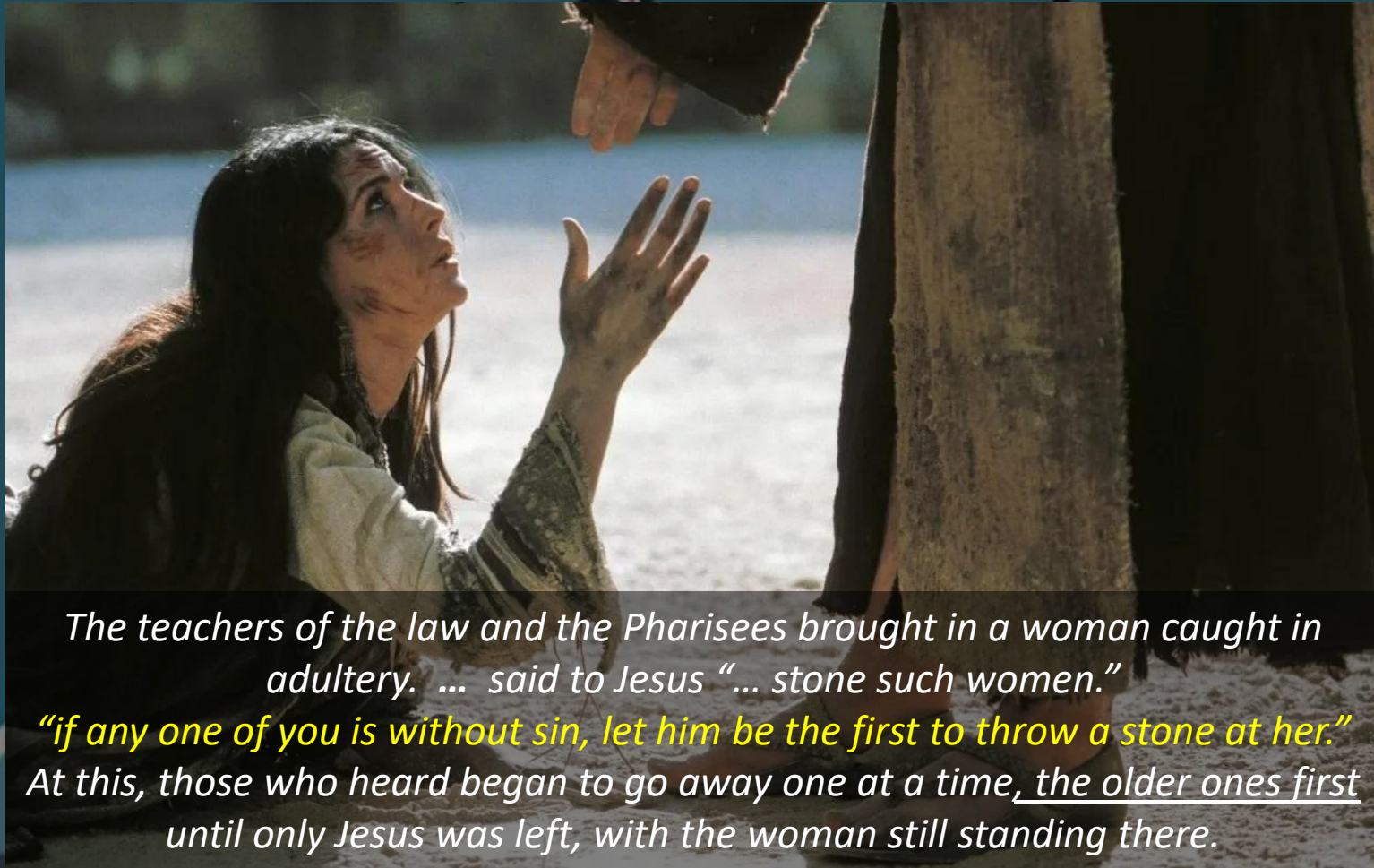
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He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with the sinners.

THE **JESUS** WAY

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The teachers of the law and the Pharisees brought in a woman caught in adultery. ... said to Jesus “... stone such women.”

“if any one of you is without sin, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.”

At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones first until only Jesus was left, with the woman still standing there.

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“Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?”

“No one, sir,” she said.

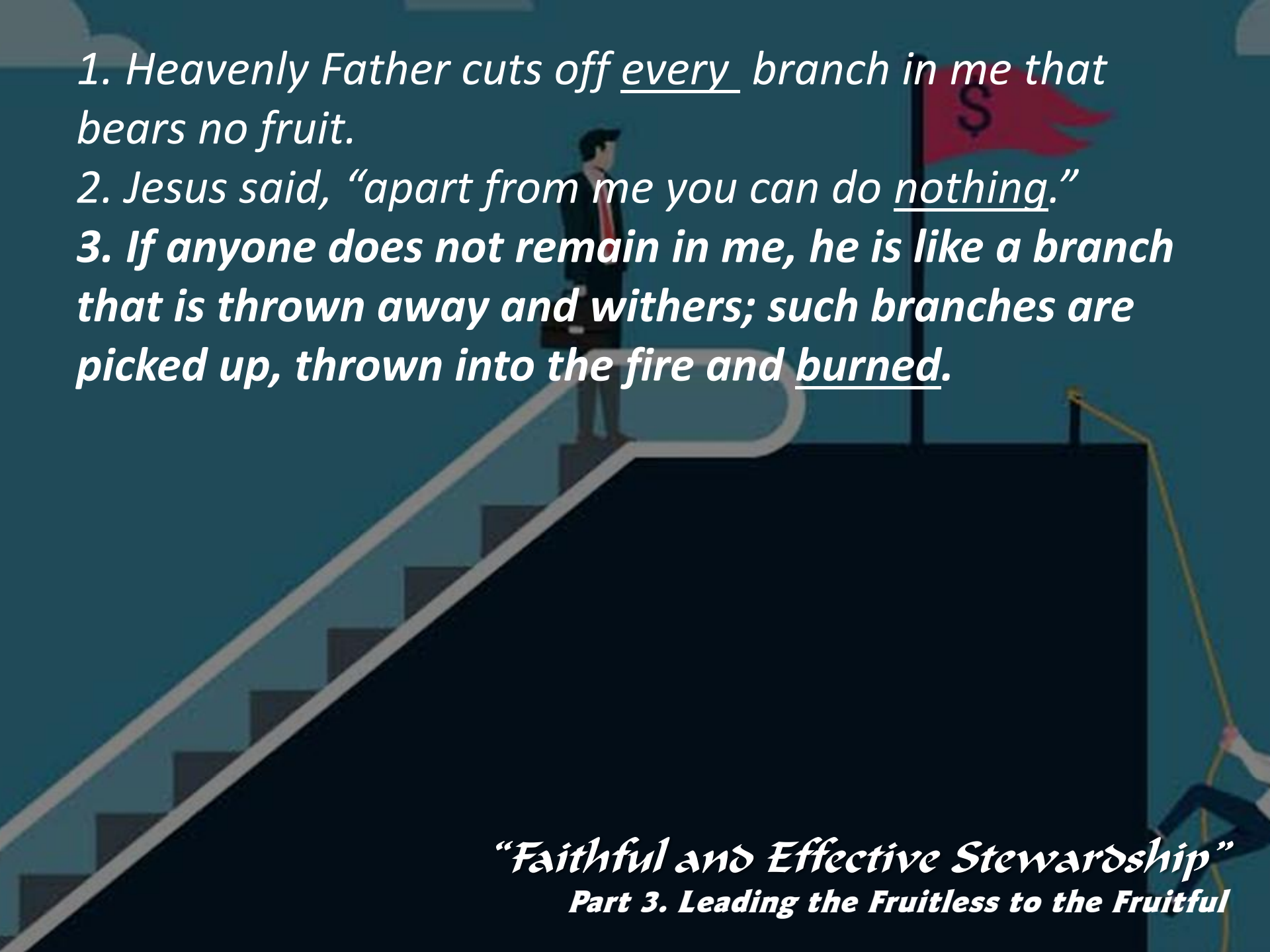
*“Go
and Sin no more.”*

John 8:11

How different is your way from His?

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The Vineyard & The Kingdom of God

*O.T.: Isaiah 5; 27:2-6; Jeremiah 2:7; Ezekiel 19:10-14; 15:1-8; 17:7-8;
Psalm 80:8-19*

Rabbinic Literature: Lev. Rab. 26:2; Midrash on Psalm 80

N.T.: Matt. 21:36-46; Mark 12:11-12; Luke 20:9-16; John. 15:1-17

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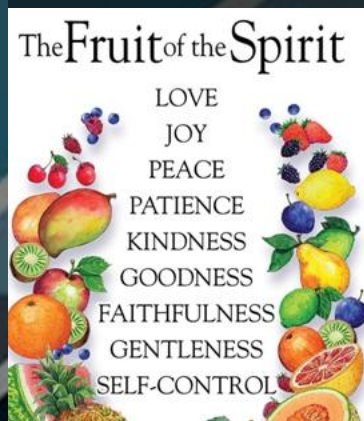
So I [Paul] say, live by the Spirit, **and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature.**

For the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit ...

The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions, and envy, drunkenness, orgies, ad the like. ...

Those who live like this will NOT inherit the kingdom of God.

Galatians 5:16-21



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