

## Circling the Vine

“...the little foxes, that spoil the vines: for our vines have tender grapes”  
(Song of Solomon 2:15)

We've all heard it, “the little foxes spoil that spoil the vine” and in my mind's eyes I saw them circling you.

Solomon calls our attention to the “little foxes” because they are what can spoil the vine. We've heard about them and we've experienced them. Today is a call to be aware they are there, and it's time to shoo them away from your vine.

Move with caution concerning the things in life that get you down. Don't let bitterness in. Don't let unforgiveness in. Rebuke disappointment from taking root within you.

I know some of you are weary (I am too), but these little foxes want to steal whatever it is God has given to you. These pesty little creatures work against your trust, work against your faith or and eventually steal your hope in Him (Pesty is an adjective that means- bothersome or irritating). Sound familiar?

These pesky little creatures work hard at causing you to doubt what God has spoken or by replaying things over and over in your minds. They want to ruin whatever fruit is on your vine, or whatever fruit could potentially grow on it.

The enemy knows he cannot uproot the vine or the branches, for Christ is the vine and we are the branches. But your fruit? Well, that's another story. Whatever you are thinking, will impact your choices. If you find yourself doubting, or feeling disappointed, you have little foxes at work. These little foxes are thieves.

“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly “ (John 10:10 ESV).

The Word is clear. When we look at other things in place of Him, that's when the foxes begin their work. That's when doubt might creep in, or when unbelief rises or when we struggle trying to believe He is Who He says He is.

“I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God that you may know that you have eternal life. And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us” (1 John 5:13-14) ESV.

You may have prayers that are unanswered today, but that doesn't mean you don't have many more prayers that have been answered. You may be feeling beat up or torn down. Beloved, it's going to be okay. Recognize where you are.

It is in these very moments when the little foxes approach you that you need to remember the answered prayers. Or how about the times of deliverance? Or maybe His continual acts of goodness that He has displayed and poured upon you. His Word is what sustains you. His Word is truth and it's the truth that sets you free.

The Word is clear, "Those who hope in the Lord will never be ashamed or disappointed" (Psalm 25:3; Isaiah 49:23).

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