



FRUITFUL IN A FAMINE  
THE SOURCE OF TRUE FRUITFULNESS  
JOHN 15:1-8

Ben Blakey - Compass Bible Church - May 23, 2021

1. Desire \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 8)

**John 15:1-8 (ESV)**

*"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.*

2. Welcome \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 2)

3. Admit \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 4-5)

4. Lean \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 7)

## APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. **Read John 15:8.** God's goal for us is to live a fruitful life that glorifies him. What are some other goals in your life that you need to be careful do not compete with this main goal? Why is this goal of a fruitful, God-glorifying life more rewarding than any other goal?

2. **Read James 1:2-4.** What prevents you from thinking this way about trials in your own life? How can you adjust your thinking to embrace the inevitable trials that will come into your life this week?

3. **Read 2 Corinthians 12:9-10.** How have you seen these realities prove true in your own life? How do these truths encourage you to have an attitude of dependence upon God this week?

4. Do your habits of Bible intake and prayer reflect a heart that is truly dependent on God? What other actions can you take this week to cultivate a dependence upon the Vine?

5. **Read John 15:7.** Do you see a connection between the words of Scripture and your prayer life? How can you integrate God's Word more into your prayer life and let his words guide your words of prayer?

### RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

*Here are some books which may help you dig deeper into what we studied today. While Pastor Ben cannot endorse everything about each book/author, he does think these books are worth considering and reading.*

Henderson, Daniel. *Transforming Prayer*. Bethany House, 2011.

Revival from the Bible. [www.revivalfromthebible.com](http://www.revivalfromthebible.com)

Whitney, Donald. *Praying the Bible*. Crossway, 2015.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray that many who have some external form of Christianity would Pray that Compass Bible Church Treasure Valley would bear much fruit and glorify God.

Pray that we would be filled with a humble reliance on Christ.

Pray that everyone in our church would gain life from time spent in the Word and prayer every day.

Begin to pray that God would use Ignite this summer to have a life-long effect on the lives of our students.

Pray that God will provide a long-term home for CBCTV through the Taking Ground project.

## REVIVAL FROM THE BIBLE READING

Date	O.T.	Psalms	Gospels	N.T.
5/24	1 Samuel 29-31	Psalms 65:5-13	Mark 10:17-34	1 Corinthians 10:1-13
5/25	2 Samuel 1-2	Psalms 66:1-7	Mark 10:35-52	1 Corinthians 10:14-33
5/26	2 Samuel 3-5	Psalms 66:8-15	Mark 11:1-11	1 Corinthians 11:1-16
5/27	2 Samuel 6-7	Psalms 66:16-20	Mark 11:12-19	1 Corinthians 11:17-34
5/28	2 Samuel 8-10	Psalms 67	Mark 11:20-33	1 Corinthians 12:1-11
5/29	2 Samuel 11-12	Psalms 68:1-10	Mark 12:1-12	1 Corinthians 12:12-31