



NEW LIFE

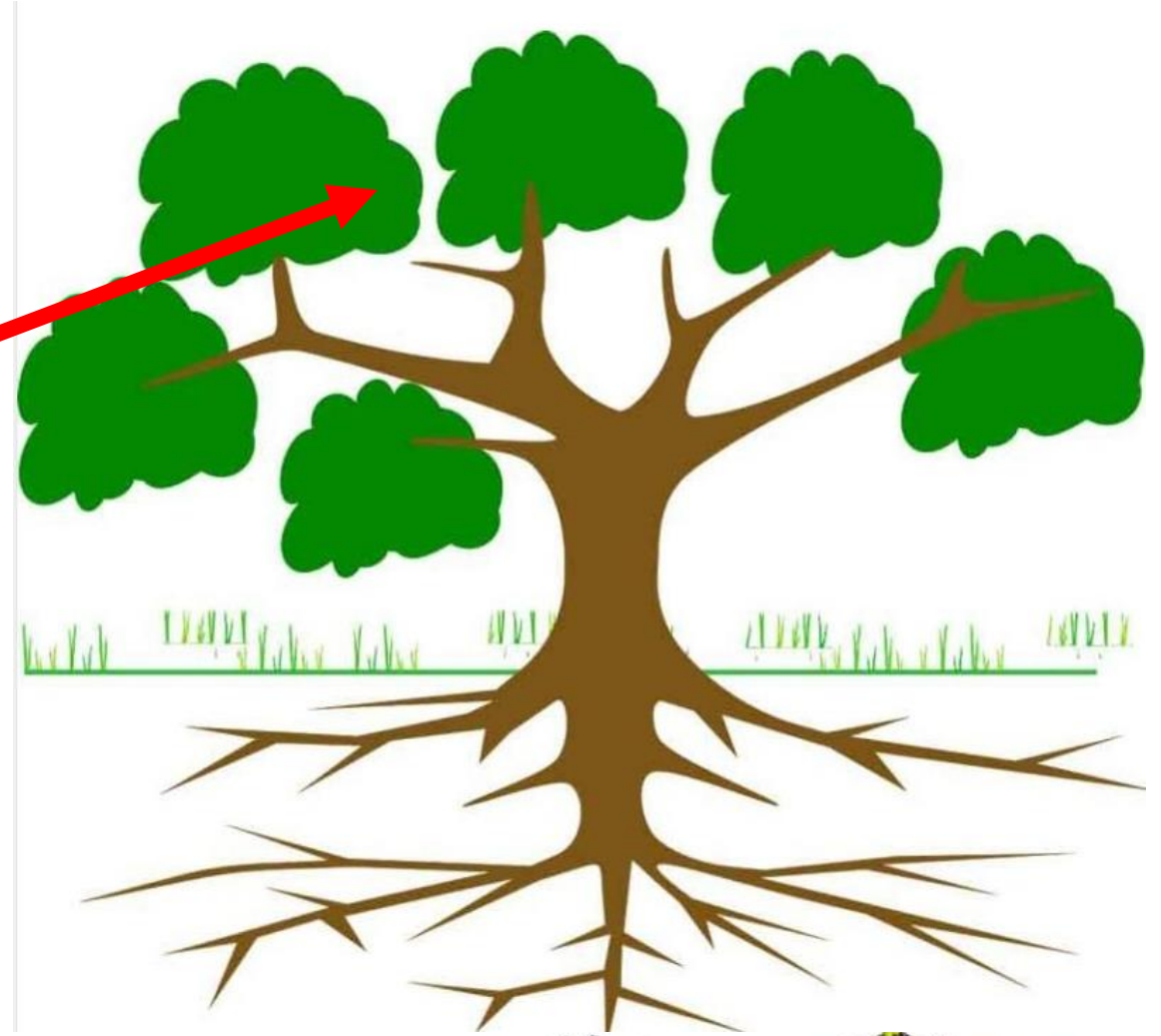
THE OLD LIFE IS GONE

A healthy tree

Leaves

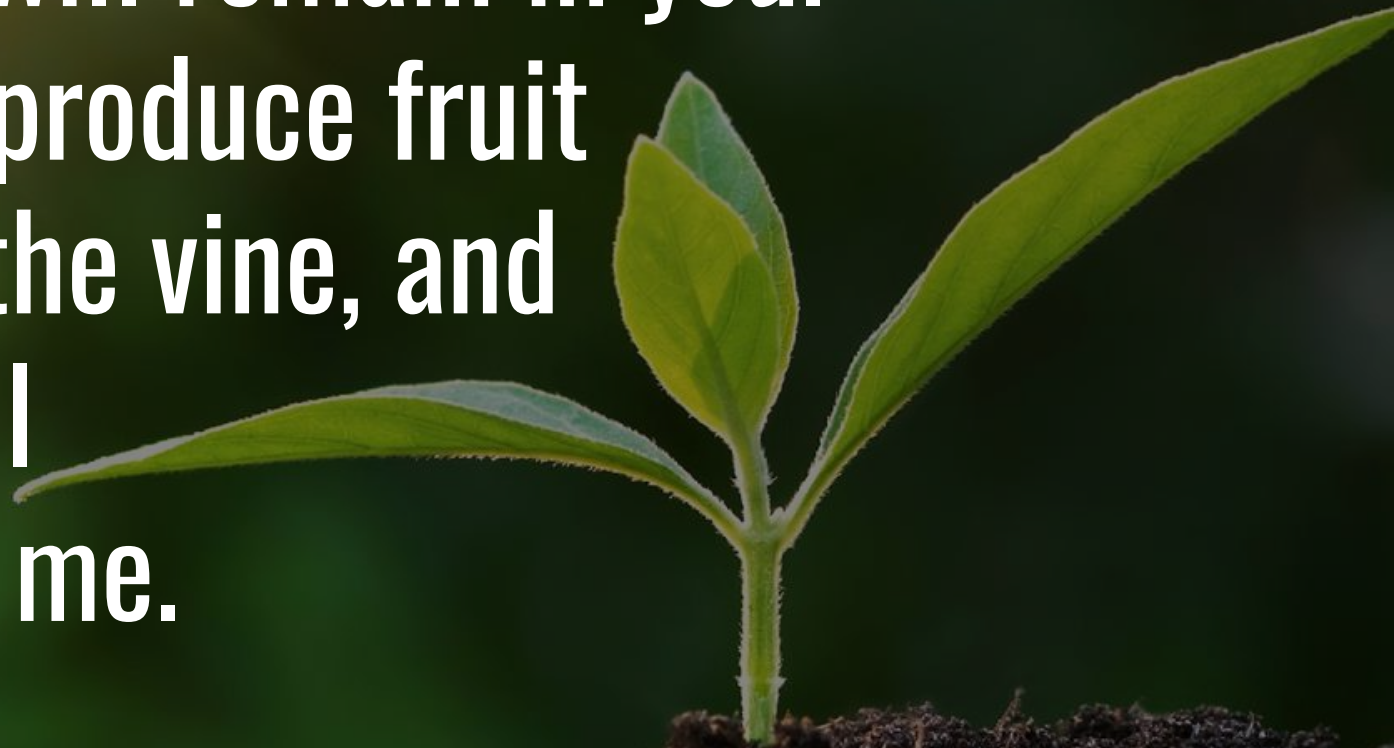
Fruit

Beauty



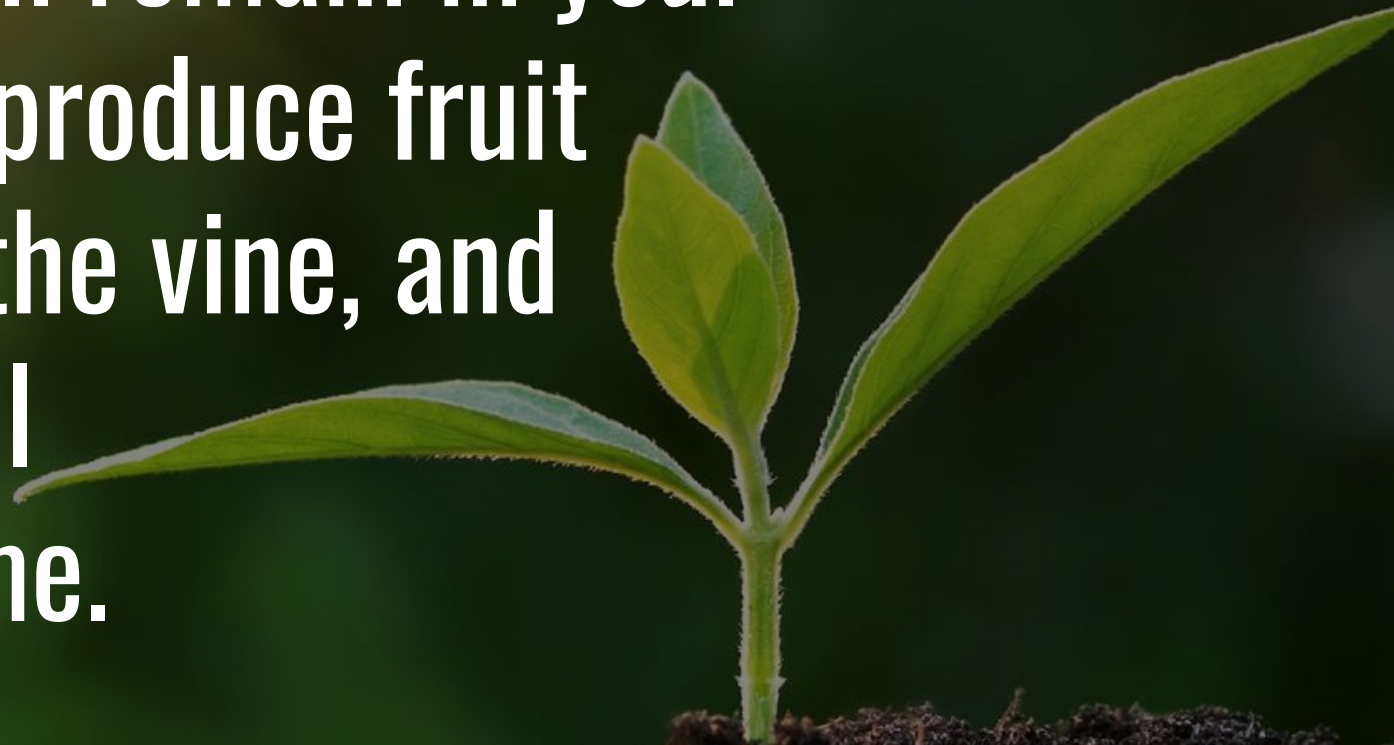
Remain in me, and I will remain in you.
For a branch cannot produce fruit
if it is severed from the vine, and
you cannot be fruitful
unless you **remain** in me.

John 15:4 NLT



Abide in me, and I will remain in you.
For a branch cannot produce fruit
if it is severed from the vine, and
you cannot be fruitful
unless you **abide** in me.

John 15:4



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Rather...

**We are connected to and pruned by
the Father based on our relationship.**



Learning to Abide

- Rest
- **Devotion to Prayer**
- Devotion to Scripture





Grace through faith

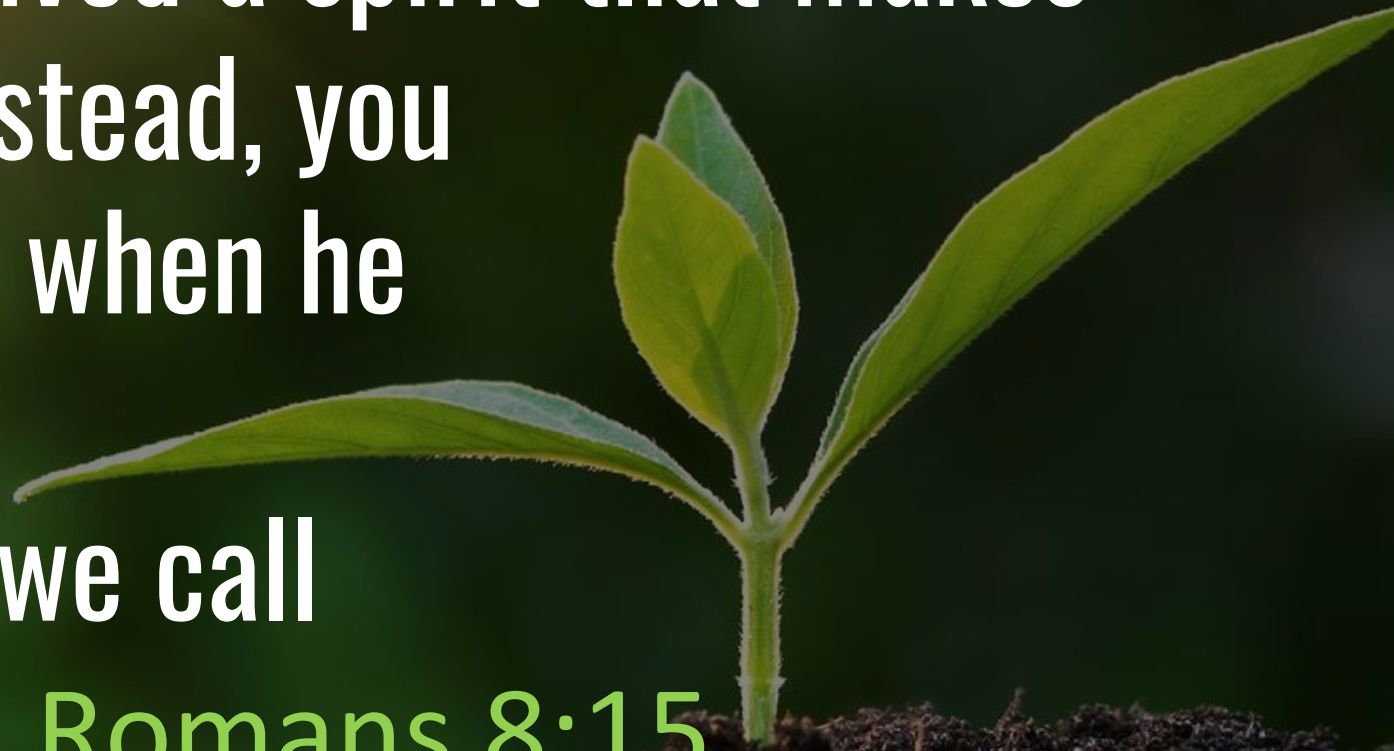
...relationship over time

Learning to Abide

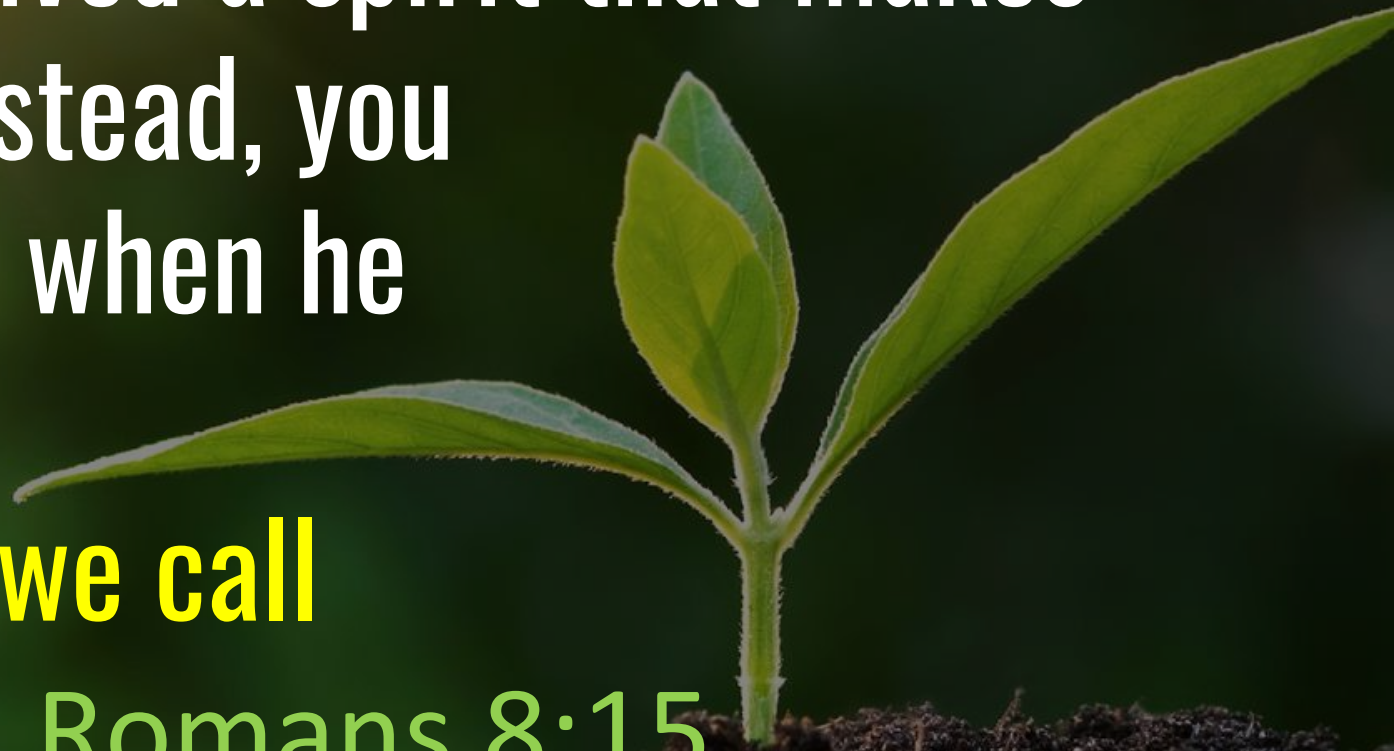
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- **Talk to God**
- Devotion to Scripture



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“Abba, Father,” He cried out, “everything is possible for you. Please take this cup of suffering away from me. Yet I want your will to be done, not mine.”

Mark 14:36 NLT

A small green seedling with three leaves growing out of dark soil. The seedling is positioned on the right side of the image, with its stem and leaves clearly visible against the dark background of the soil. The leaves are a vibrant green color, and the soil is a rich, dark brown. The overall scene is set against a blurred green background, suggesting a natural outdoor environment.

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Galatians 4:5 NLT



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And because we are his children, God has sent the **Spirit** of his **Son** into our hearts, prompting us to call out, “Abba, **Father.**”

Galatians 4:6 NLT

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Invitation to Intimacy

- Ransom
- Adoption
- Prompting



...the LORD would speak to
Moses face to face, as one
speaks to a **friend**.

Exodus 33:11 NLT



Now you are no longer a slave but God's own child. And since you are his child, God has made you his **heir**.

Galatians 4:7 NLT

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Utter transformation of our relationship

- Child
- Friend
- Heir



Utter transformation of our relationship

- Love Him Back!
- Repent from sin with confidence.
- Talk to Him.



When You said, “Seek My face,” my heart said to You, “Your face, O Lord, I shall seek.”

Psalm 27:8 NASB



The Depth of Our Relationship

- **Eternal attributes:**
 - **Holiness**
 - **Goodness**
 - **Justice**

- **Relational Aspects**
 - **Rest**
 - **Intimacy**



Intimacy based on grace

- **Talk to a loving Father.**
- **Call Him “Abba”.**
- **Abide with Him in prayer.**

