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MESSAGE NOTES

Staying Connected

John 15:1–11
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1. Remaining in Jesus

John 15:4 “Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

Jesus explained what abiding in Him means by talking about the vine and the branches, and how a branch cannot produce fruit by itself.

Remain in Jesus → receive His

2. Producing Fruit

The fruit isn't something we manufacture through willpower. Living connected to Jesus produces the fruit of the Spirit.

John 15:5 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.”

3. God's Love Shapes our Lives

John 15:9–10 As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. **10** If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love.”

Obedience is not how we earn God's love. Obedience is what we do in response to His love for us.

I am loved → I remain in His love → I obey Him.

Conclusion:

Repentance turns us back to God.

Redemption restores us to God.

Abiding is continuing to live our lives in Him.

Remaining with Jesus produces fruit in our lives because we are:
connected to the source → receiving His life → growing → and bearing fruit.

Colossians 2:6–7 “So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, **7** rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.”