

Your Source

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What is a Source? The place where something begins, where it springs into being.

John 15

1 I AM the True Vine, and My Father is the Vinedresser (Gardener).

Yeshua is speaking. Yeshua is the True Vine. Father YHWH is the Vinedresser.

2 Any branch in Me that does not bear fruit [that stops bearing] He cuts away (trims off, takes away); and He cleanses and repeatedly prunes every branch that continues to bear fruit, to make it bear more and richer and more excellent fruit.

Who are the branches?

What kind of branch are we?

3 You are cleansed and pruned already, because of the word which I have given you [the teachings I have discussed with you].

We are pruned and cleansed by studying _____ and by being taught by _____.

Remember last week we learned that what goes in affects our hearts. Good and bad.

Psalms 119:11

11 Your word have I laid up in my heart, that I might not sin against You.

4 Dwell in Me, and I will dwell in you. [Live in Me, and I will live in you.] Just as no branch can bear fruit of itself without abiding in (being vitally united to) the vine, neither can you bear fruit unless you abide in Me.

Here is the main point today. Without or separate from a true relationship with Father through the Son we have no source. We have no source, no teacher, no guide, no true comfort, no true peace.

How do we know if our relationship is True?

In the parable of the vine we find that we are the branches. However, we also see that our relationship as a branch can become disconnected We may start out in relationship and then we let the relationship falter. Yes us we do it to ourselves. It is our choice no matter what circumstance may influence that decision it ultimately is ours. The Vinedresser never leaves the vine and branches unattended He is always there, watching, pruning, grafting.

The Vinedresser , Father YHWH, grafts in each of us we choose to grow.

We grow by becoming more like Yeshua. We grow up and into Him.

Ephesians4: 11And His gifts were [varied; He Himself appointed and gave men to us] some to be apostles (special messengers), some prophets (inspired preachers and expounders), some evangelists (preachers of the Gospel, traveling missionaries), some pastors (shepherds of His flock) and teachers.

12His intention was the perfecting and the full equipping of the saints (His consecrated people), [that they should do] the work of ministering toward building up Christ's body (the church),

13[That it might develop] until we all attain oneness in the faith and in the comprehension of the [full and accurate] knowledge of the Son of God, that [we might arrive] at really mature manhood (the completeness of personality which is nothing less than the standard height of Christ's own perfection), the measure of the stature of the fullness of the Christ and the completeness found in Him.

14So then, we may no longer be children, tossed [like ships] to and fro between chance gusts of teaching and wavering with every changing wind of doctrine, [the prey of] the cunning and cleverness of [unscrupulous men, [gamblers engaged] in every shifting form of trickery in inventing errors to mislead.

15Rather, let our lives lovingly express truth [in all things, speaking truly, dealing truly, living truly]. Enfolded in love, let us grow up in every way and in all things into Him Who is the Head, [even] Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One).

16For because of Him the whole body (the church, in all its various parts), closely joined and firmly knit together by the joints and ligaments with which it is supplied, when each part [with power adapted to its need] is working properly [in all its functions], grows to full maturity, building itself up in love.

So how can we seek a true relationship? How can we know that the branch we are is connected in a way that brings growth and fruit in our own lives but also strengthens and brings the entire vine into season?

If we are attached to the true vine we have an unfailable source.
We grow produce fruit, obtain maturity.

What so easily happens to us though... we begin to look at other branches and begin to make comparisons. We begin to see the growth, maturity, and fruit of others and we are attracted to it. And because of our human make up sometimes we begin to worship what we see.

Yes worship. We begin to hang on each word they say. They have such insight! They have it all together! They become almost perfect. Their opinion is sought about everything in our lives. We go to them or we buy, read, or listen to the Word as it comes through them. We recommend them to all we see in need of a Word. Sometimes a Word that someone has received when passed on in due season

is a good and helpful thing. However we were created to worship. And because of this we need to be careful that our Source remains in the Vine Yeshua

What happens when we begin to attach ourselves to another branch?

We lose strength, we are not aware of it usually because of the subtle changes. But our lives begin to feel the impact of less spiritual nutrition. We begin to compromise. So compromise is a warning sign. Do we believe what the other branch says over what the Holy Spirit is trying to guide us into?

the Holy Spirit is constant in its efforts to help us grow into our individual part or function in this unit we call The Family of Yah. And the more we stretch for things and others spiritual influence the less we "hear and obey" what Father, the vinedresser, has to say to us. We begin to spend more time with a branch or branches than with the vine. Another warning sign. We become so wrapped up with others in an unhealthy way we begin to cause others to compromise as well. This can begin to cause the other branch to pull away from the source. Sometimes this is seen when a pastor is elevated so much by his congregation he is drawn away and begins and even sometimes does lose his Source of spiritual nutrition. This is a very sad case because usually a great many more lives are affected when his branch begins to fail. His branch can become diseased through lack of nutrition and spread it to other branches. An example would be wrong spirits come on him and he preaches over others and he can only preach from his source and if his source is not fully rooted into the vine it will be of himself and not Yeshua. He also can be deceived because he will think it is from Father because he still sees all the branches around him he must be still attached to the vine.

Do we follow a teacher WITHOUT searching the Word for ourselves to see if that is what Father says. Do we accept at face value any teaching we hear because it makes us tingle inside or get excited with someone else that is being touched with the Holy Spirit. Why do we seek second hand thrills and leave empty or feeling emptier than when we came to Sabbath because being near one being being blessed and touched by the manifest Spirit of Yah just makes our souls yearn more for the source do we then go home and for the next two weeks try to feed on the second-hand nutrition of another branch. How weak it will make us. How less we will have to offer at the next Sabbath up to Father because we didn't get a measure for ourselves from The Source. If we operate in this way for very long we wither on the Vine and we affect those around us who are looking to us as more mature vines. We are showing them self reliance over full grafted submission to Yeshua. We may even be responsible to some degree for the withering faith of another branch. Are we adding to the Vine daily or are we crippling it and the power it could have to grow and graft in more souls through the Monogene Vine?

But it is so easy to forget that the Vine dresser is still there. The Vinedresser always must keep the branches true to the Vine because in the Vine is LIFE, TRUTH, and The WAY! The outcome for Fruit which manifests and reveals YHWH. The Vinedresser must at some point cut away that offending branch. To save others. To keep the Vine true. To obtain the goal of Fruit.

If we insist on being attach to another branch or branches we can begin to wither in our Faith and Love

And so it brings us to verse 5...

5I am the Vine; you are the branches. Whoever lives in Me and I in him bears much (abundant) fruit. However, apart from Me [cut off from vital union with Me] you can do nothing.

6If a person does not dwell in Me, he is thrown out like a [broken-off] branch, and withers; such branches are gathered up and thrown into the fire, and they are burned.

7If you live in Me [abide vitally united to Me] and My words remain in you and continue to live in your hearts, ask whatever you will, and it shall be done for you.

8When you bear (produce) much fruit, My Father is honored and glorified, and you show and prove yourselves to be true followers of Mine.

9I have loved you, [just] as the Father has loved Me; abide in My love [[]continue in His love with Me].

10If you keep My commandments [if you continue to obey My instructions], you will abide in My love and live on in it, just as I have obeyed My Father's commandments and live on in His love.

11I have told you these things, that My joy and delight may be in you, and that your joy and gladness may be of full measure and complete and overflowing.

12This is My commandment: that you love one another [just] as I have loved you.

13No one has greater love [no one has shown stronger affection] than to lay down (give up) his own life for his friends.

14You are My friends if you keep on doing the things which I command you to do.

15I do not call you servants (slaves) any longer, for the servant does not know what his master is doing (working out). But I have called you My friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from My Father. [I have revealed to you everything that I have learned from Him.]

16You have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you and I have appointed you [I have planted you], that you might go and bear fruit and keep on bearing, and that your fruit may be lasting [that it may remain, abide], so that whatever you ask the Father in My Name [as []presenting all that I AM], He may give it to you.

17This is what I command you: that you love one another.

18If the world hates you, know that it hated Me before it hated you.

19If you belonged to the world, the world would treat you with affection and would love you as its

own. But because you are not of the world [no longer one with it], but I have chosen (selected) you out of the world, the world hates (detests) you.

20Remember that I told you, A servant is not greater than his master [is not superior to him]. If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you; if they kept My word and obeyed My teachings, they will also keep and obey yours.

21But they will do all this to you [inflict all this suffering on you] because of [your bearing] My name and on My account, for they do not know or understand the One Who sent Me.

22If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not be guilty of sin [would be blameless]; but now they have no excuse for their sin.

23Whoever hates Me also hates My Father.

24If I had not done (accomplished) among them the works which no one else ever did, they would not be guilty of sin. But [the fact is] now they have both seen [these works] and have hated both Me and My Father.

25But [this is so] that the word written in their Law might be fulfilled, They hated Me without a cause.(A)

26But when the Comforter (Counselor, Helper, Advocate, Intercessor, Strengtheners, Standby) comes, Whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of Truth Who comes (proceeds) from the Father, He [Himself] will testify regarding Me.

27But you also will testify and be My witnesses, because you have been with Me from the beginning.

Word Ideas to read later:

colossians 2 19

luke 22 35

Yah be with you til we meet again
By His Counsel guide, uphold you
With His sheep securely fold you
Yah be with you til we meet again.

Til we meet, til we meet
Til we meet at Yeshua's feet
Til we meet, til we meet
Yah be with you til we meet gain.

I saw the light

He got the whole world in His hands