



**ABIDE: UNLEASHING  
THE POWER THAT  
COMES FROM TOTAL  
DEPENDENCE ON GOD**

Dakota Women's Retreat  
Session #3

## John 15:1-8

*“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 bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.*”

## John 15:1-8

*“I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned. If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.*”

# BELIEVE

John 20:30-31

*“Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.”*

## **I AM THE TRUE VINE**

***“ Whereas the vine was a picture of Israel in the Old Testament, He is the fullest realization of Israel’s hope, of their expectations, of what God intended her to be as her Messiah. Israel, as a vine, was an utter failure; it never achieved its goal. Our Lord Jesus Christ Who came as the True Vine would accomplish all Israel failed to do.”***

***Pastor Bob Deffanbaugh***

# OUR FATHER: THE VINE DRESSER

## *The Vine Dresser:*

- **Examines the Vineyard**
- **Maximizes Production**
- **Skillfully prunes**
- **extracts**

# THE INSTRUMENTS

- Study of the Word
- Discipline
- Instruction
- Prayer
- Mature/Seasoned Saints
- Seasons
- Revelation

# MENO

- ❖ to remain, abide
- ❖ in reference to place
- ❖ to sojourn, tarry not to depart
- ❖ to continue to be present
- ❖ to be held, kept, continually
- ❖ in reference to time
- ❖ to continue to be, not to perish, to last, endure
- ❖ to remain as one, not to become another or different
- ❖ to wait for, await one

# BECOME TRANSFORMED

“You become like what you worship. When you gaze in awe, admiration, and wonder at something or someone, you begin to take on something of the character of the object of your worship.”

*NT WRIGHT*

# BECOME LIGHT

***“The Darkness is not threatened by religion, spirituality, doctrine, loud music, preaching, crowds of Christians, spiritual warfare, prophetic conventions, or revivals. Darkness is only threatened by Light, and to the extent that we have Light, to that extent the Darkness loses its power over us. When we abide in perfect Light then Darkness has no power whatsoever. AND LIGHT IS NOTHING MORE OR LESS THAN THE REVELATION OF CHRIST IN HIS GLORY.”***

***--Chip Brogden***

## **BECOME DEPENDENT**

***"Every thing that a person leans upon but God, will be a dart that will certainly pierce her heart through and through. He/she who leans only upon Christ, lives the highest, choicest, safest, and sweetest life."***

**- Thomas Brooks**

# **BECOME OBEDIENT**

***“No one can sum up all God is able to accomplish through one solitary life, wholly yielded, adjusted, and obedient to Him.”***

***-DL Moody***