

Volume 3, Day 26: Pruning My Vines

It's winter time, which means it's time to get after the Great Vines and prune them up for a new season. And that reminds me of some of the passages that have meant the most to me in this journey. I hope you find some of those as well for yours. The book of **Galatians**, moving away from a legalistic, performance based life to one inside, believing what you hear and being transformed by love. **Romans chapters 5 through 8** is a passage that talks about how we are so loved. We know that in our heart. And when we know that we know that nothing in this world can separate us from the father's affection. Then there is **1 John chapter 4**. Another favorite is **Hebrews 8, 9, 10, and 11**. Another good one that stirs us into having confidence to come before God, having our heart sprinkled clean.

But probably my favorite one is **John 13, 14, 15 & 16**. It's what we call the upper room discourse. It's Jesus with his disciples for the last time, explaining to them what this relationship is all about. He talks about love changing the whole world, talks about Father has a place in Him for us to dwell. I like the interpretation of that as **God wants to be at home in you and He wants you to be at home in Him**. And that's what it means to become part of the divine community. That's what it means to live deeply in all that God is. And Jesus said, the reason I'm telling you these things is so that My joy might be in you and that your joy might be full. That's bedrock to the work of Jesus in our lives. I think a lot of people think, and I used to think that we're basically disgusting human beings that God can barely tolerate and he wants to clean us all up so he'll be comfortable with us. But I know better now!