

WHO DO YOU SAY I AM?

PART 8: I AM THE TRUE VINE

JOHN 15:1

July 16

I Am The Resurrection And The Life

John 11:25 - for all who are tired and need a new start

July 23

I Am The Way The Truth And The Life

John 14:6 - for all who are lost and need His direction

July 30

I Am The True Vine *John 15:1* - the life

source of the living God offered to all

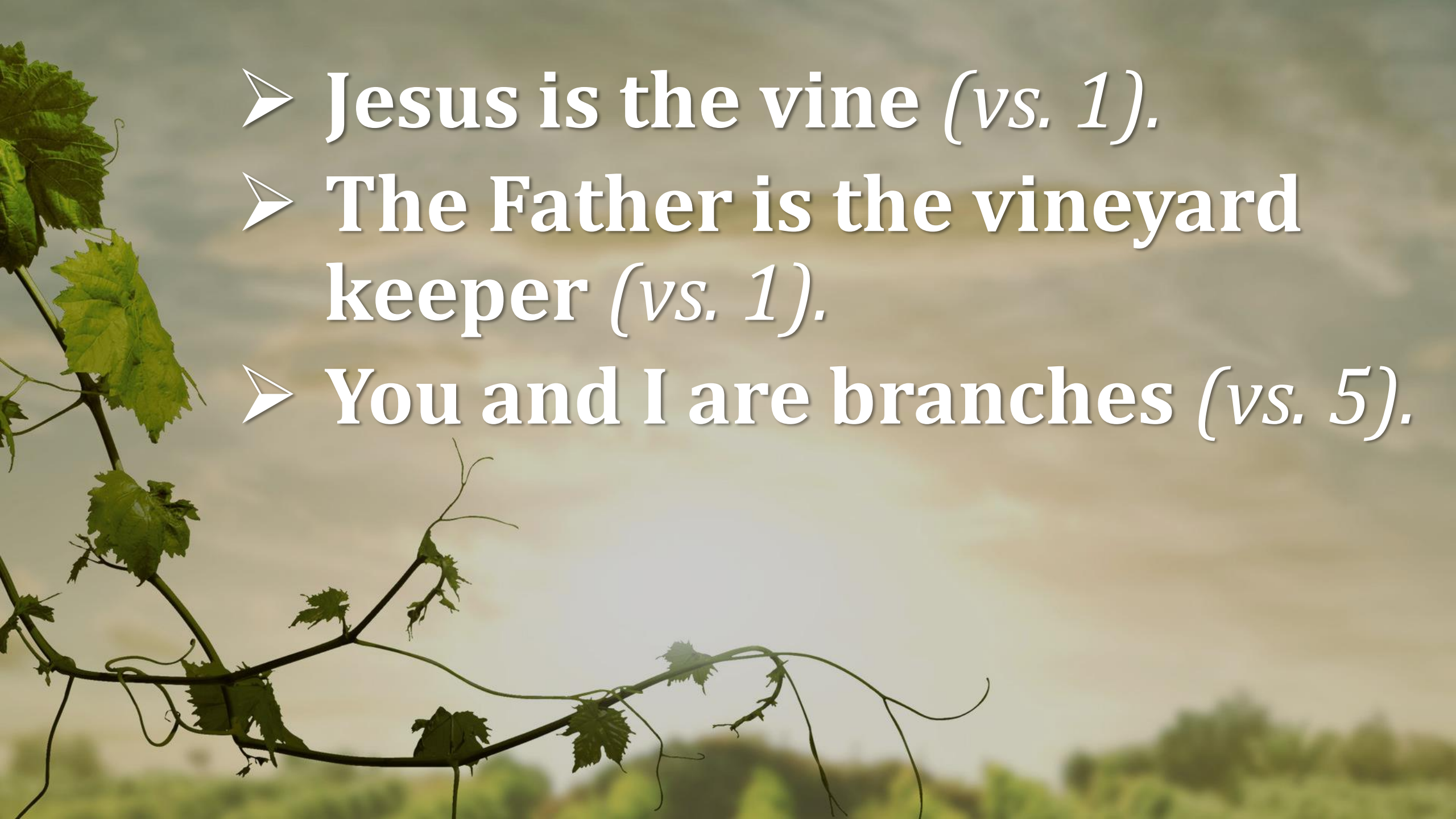
August 6

I Am The Alpha & Omega *Rev. 1:8* - for

all to know where they have come from and where they are going





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- Jesus is the vine (*vs. 1*).
 - The Father is the vineyard keeper (*vs. 1*).
 - You and I are branches (*vs. 5*).

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What is fruit?

- 1) Inner fruit – fruit of the Spirit (*Gal. 5:22*)
- 2) Outward fruit - allowing God to work through you to bring Him glory
 - Sharing your faith (*Rom. 16:5*)
 - Living out your faith (*Matt. 5:16*)

Different branches bear different amounts of fruit

“No fruit” *(vs. 2)*

“Bears fruit” *(vs. 2)*


“More fruit” *(vs. 2)*

“Much fruit” *(vs. 5)*



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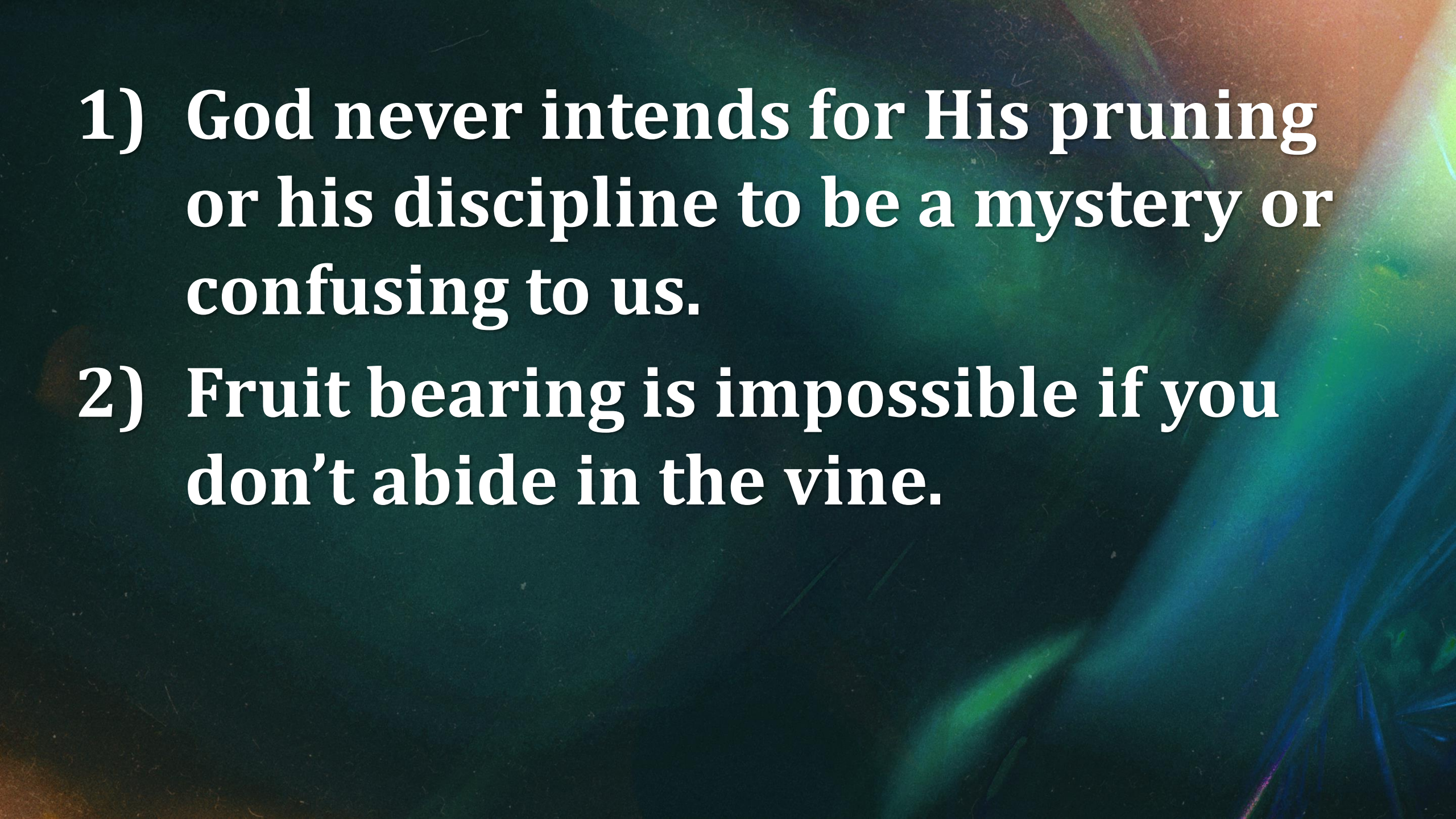


**God can make
Himself heard in
many ways.**

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3. If your life bears some fruit, God will intervene to prune you.

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 - 2) Fruit bearing is impossible if you don't abide in the vine.

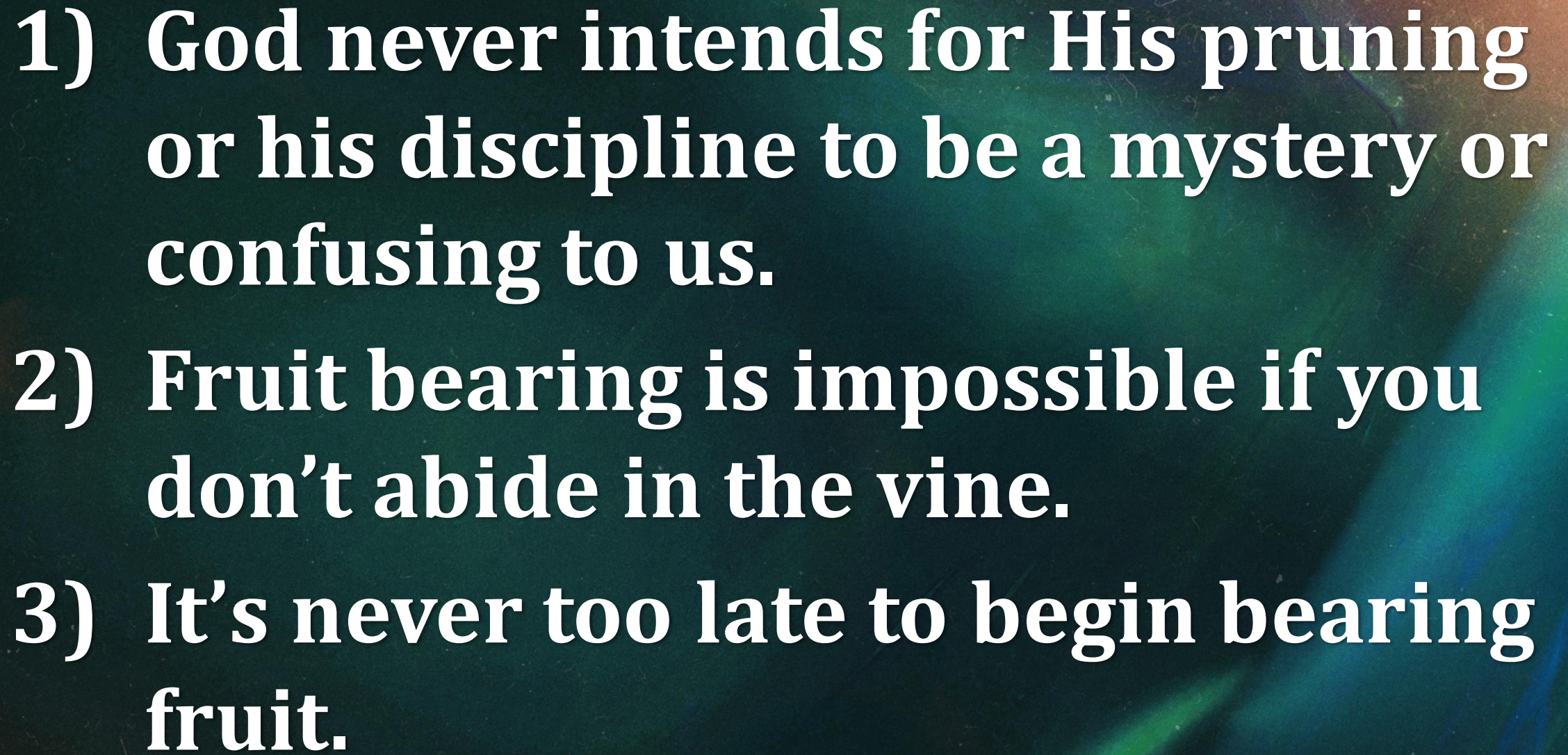
“Abiding doesn't measure how much you know about your faith or your Bible. In abiding, you seek, long for, thirst for, wait for... a person. More abiding means more of God in your life, more of him in your activities, thoughts, and desires.”

Bruce Wilkinson – *Secrets of the Vine*

**“As the deer pants for the
water brooks, so longs my
soul for you, oh, God.”**

Psalm 42:1



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 - 3) It's never too late to begin bearing fruit.

NEXT STEPS

- How much spiritual fruit do you see in your basket?
- Have you found yourself frustrated at God's pruning or disciplining hand in your life?
- Will you let the purposeful pruning of God do its work in you, or will you let it go to waste?

*How you respond makes
all the difference ...*