

A detailed painting of a vineyard. The scene is filled with various types of grapes: clusters of purple grapes on the left, red grapes on the right, and yellow grapes at the bottom left. There are also several red apples at the bottom right. The background shows a landscape with rolling hills and a bright sky, suggesting a sunrise or sunset. The overall style is classical and realistic, with fine brushwork and vibrant colors.


# BEARING FRUIT

*I am the Vine,  
You are the Branches*

John 15

THE  
PREFACE

The image features the words "THE" and "PREFACE" in a highly decorative, golden font. The letters are filled with a detailed illustration of various fruits, including purple grapes, yellow lemons, and red strawberries. The word "PREFACE" is significantly larger than "THE" and is embellished with intricate golden grapevine scrollwork and clusters of grapes extending from the bottom of the letters. The entire composition is set against a solid, deep purple background.



But the  
fruit of the Spirit is  
Love, joy, peace,  
patience, kindness,  
goodness, faithfulness,  
gentleness, self-control;  
against such things  
there is no law.

— Galatians 5:22-23 —

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**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 does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit.  
Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you.  
Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself,  
unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me.

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**I am the vine; you are the branches.**

Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit,  
for apart from me you can do nothing.

If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers;  
and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned.

If you abide in me, and my words abide in you,  
ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

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By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit  
and so prove to be my disciples.

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**JOHN 15:1-8**

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God will not give me humility or patience  
or holiness or love as separate gifts of His grace.

He's not a retailer dispensing grace to us in doses,  
measuring out some patience to the impatient,  
some love to the unloving, some meekness to  
the proud, in quantities that we take and work  
on as a kind of capital.

He has given only one *Gift* to meet all our need —  
— His Son, Christ Jesus.

When I look to Him to live out His life in me,  
He will be humble and patient and loving and  
everything else I need in my stead.

Remember the word in the first epistle of John, “God gave  
unto us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He that hath  
the Son hath the life, and that hath not the Son of God hath  
not the life.”

— WATCHMAN NEE



THE

PICTURE

I AM the

VINE

A detailed illustration of a vineyard at sunset. The words "I AM the VINE" are written in a stylized font. "I AM the" is in yellow, and "VINE" is formed by grapevines with clusters of purple grapes. The background shows a sun setting over a field of grapevines, with a path leading into the distance.

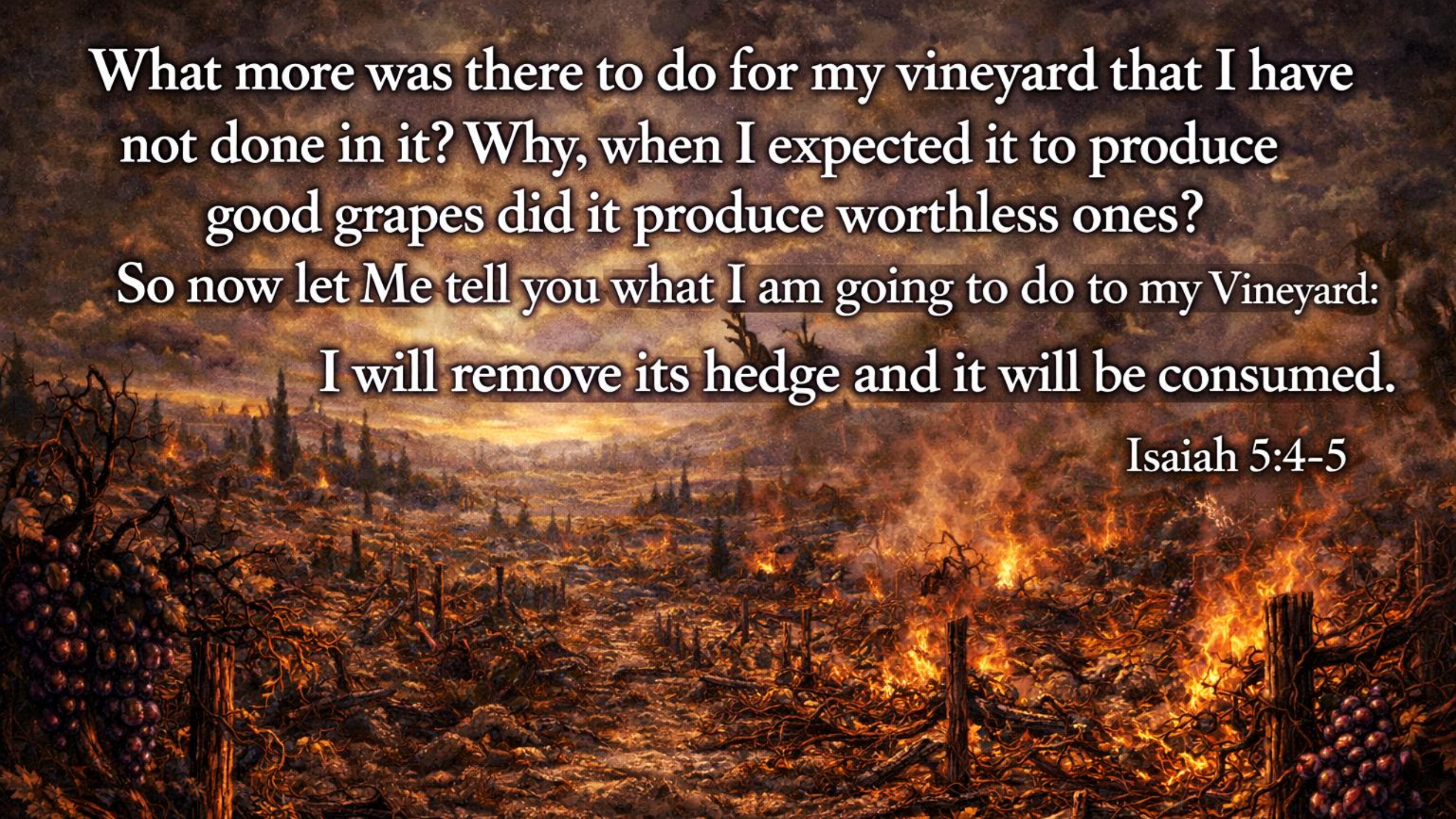


Israel is a luxuriant vine (Hosea 1:10)

You removed a vine from Egypt... ,  
and planted it (Psalm 80:8-19)

My well-beloved had a Vineyard  
(Isaiah 5:1-7)

Israel sprouted and became a  
low, spreading vine (Ezekiel 17:6-10)

The background image is a dramatic, apocalyptic landscape. In the foreground, a vineyard is visible with dark, gnarled vines and clusters of dark grapes. The ground is covered in charred remains and debris. In the middle ground, a city is engulfed in flames, with thick smoke rising into the sky. The sky is filled with dark, swirling clouds, and a bright, golden light emanates from behind the city, suggesting a fire or a divine presence. The overall atmosphere is one of destruction and judgment.

What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have  
not done in it? Why, when I expected it to produce  
good grapes did it produce worthless ones?  
So now let Me tell you what I am going to do to my Vineyard:  
I will remove its hedge and it will be consumed.

Isaiah 5:4-5

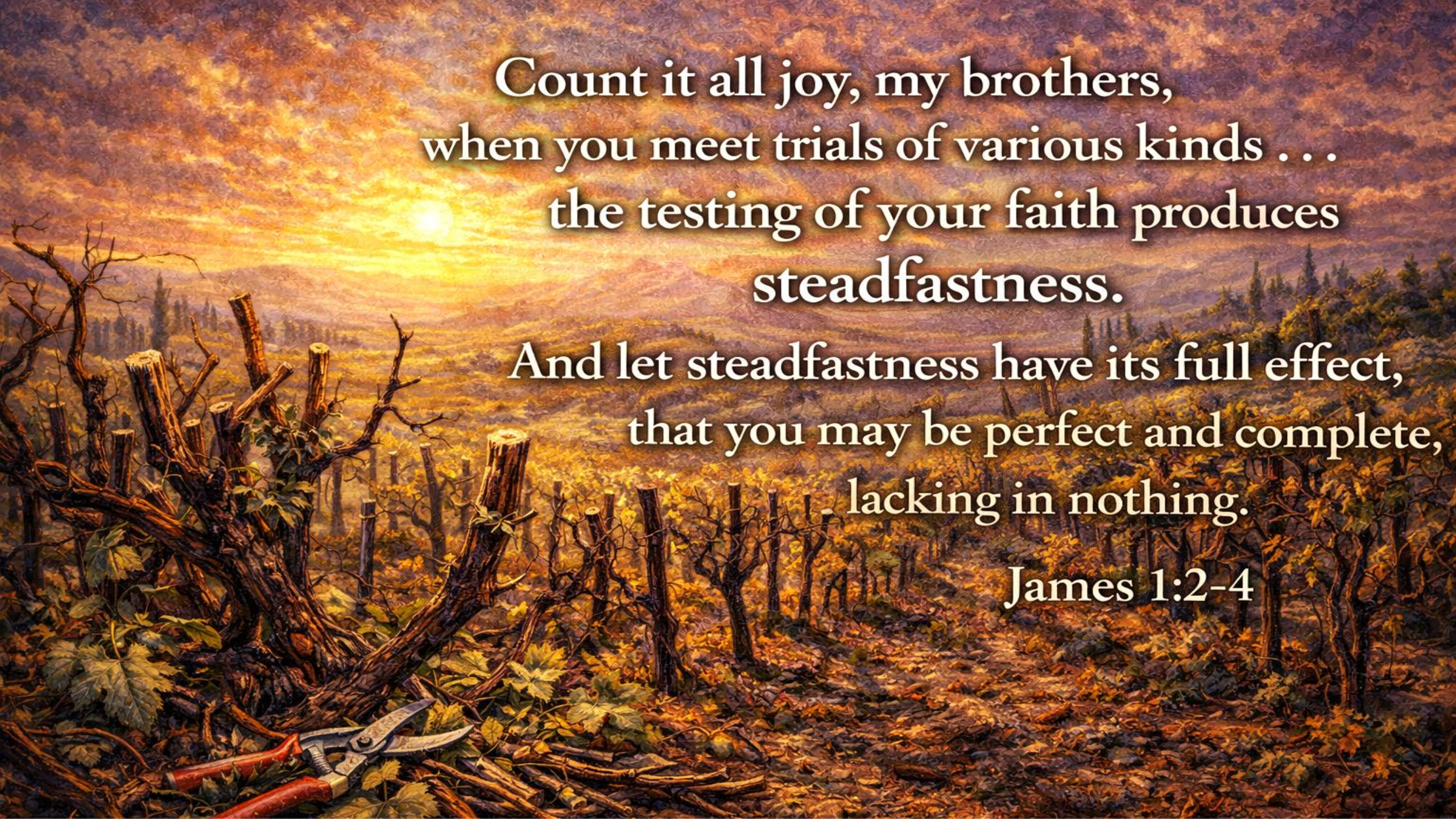


My Father  
is the

Vinedresser



Prune  
=  
Cleanse

A detailed painting of a vineyard at sunset. The sky is filled with warm, golden light from a low sun, casting a glow over the landscape. In the foreground, a pair of pruning shears with red handles lies on a pile of cut branches and leaves. The vines in the foreground are gnarled and some have small green leaves, while others are bare. The background shows rows of grapevines stretching into the distance, with a forest of evergreen trees on a hillside under the hazy, golden light of the setting sun.

Count it all joy, my brothers,  
when you meet trials of various kinds . . .  
the testing of your faith produces  
steadfastness.

And let steadfastness have its full effect,  
that you may be perfect and complete,  
lacking in nothing.

James 1:2-4



You are the

Branches



Branches:

*tender, fruitful  
shoots of a vine.*

THE


PROMISE

Abide

In

Me





# Abide - Meno

Remain, Stay, Dwell, Continue.  
Intimate, Continuous, Connection.  
Persist, Persevere, Endure.

— Galatians 5:22-23

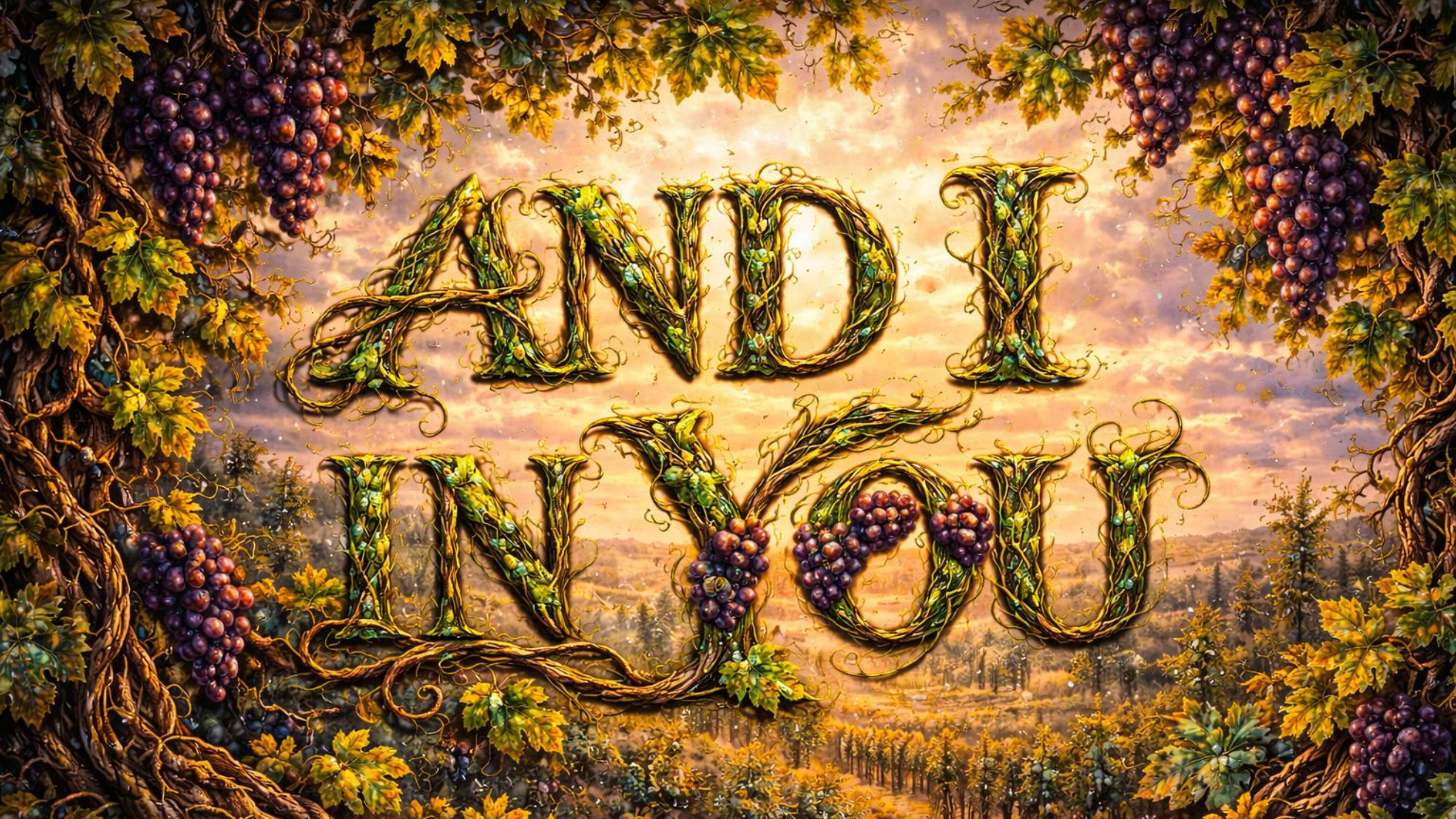


**In Me ~  
A Sphere of Location.**

**Surrounding All Sides,  
Defining One's Existence.**

**An Active, Continuous,  
Taking Residence In.**





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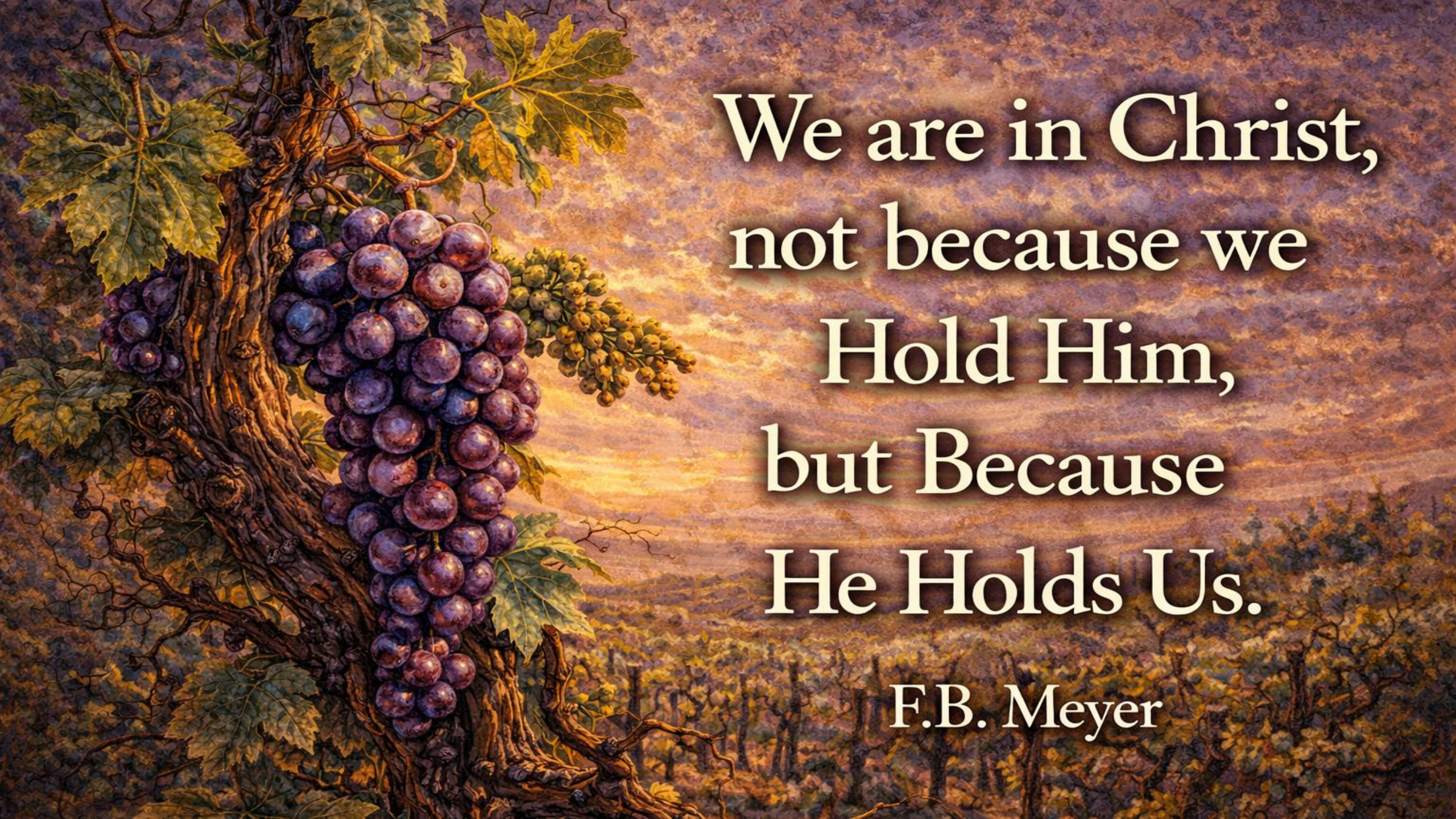
YOU



# I In You

*~ Reciprocal Relationship ~*

*As we abide acknowledging our need for Him,  
He responds by supplying all of our need.*



We are in Christ,  
not because we  
Hold Him,  
but Because  
He Holds Us.

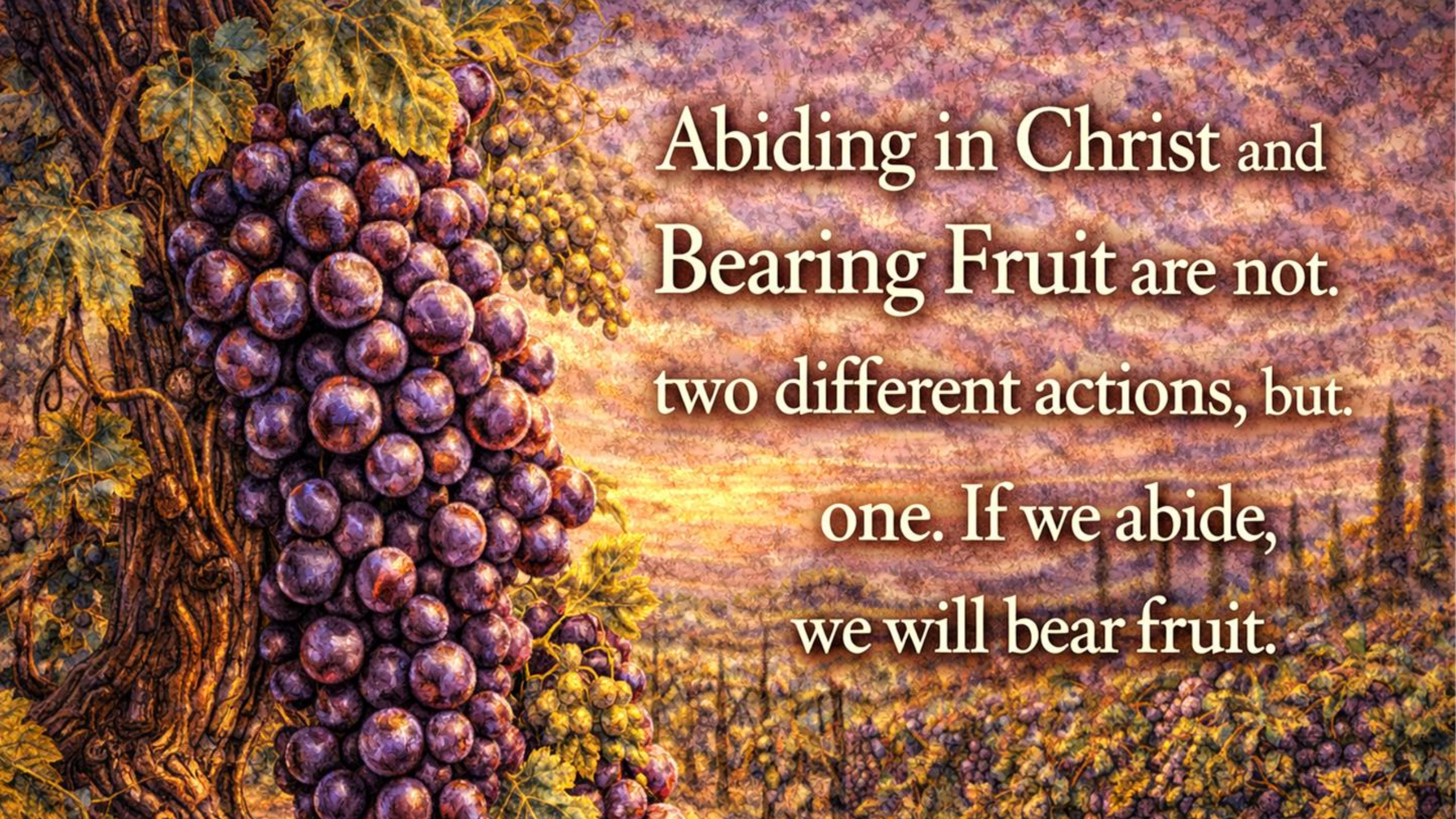
F.B. Meyer

The image features a highly detailed and ornate title. The words "BEAR FRUIT" are rendered in a large, gothic-style font where the letters are intricately woven with golden-brown grapevines and clusters of dark purple grapes. The background is a soft, painterly landscape of a sunset or sunrise over a field, with a warm palette of yellows, oranges, and purples. The entire scene is framed by a dense border of grapevines and leaves, with large bunches of grapes hanging from the vines on the left and right sides.

BEAR FRUIT

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GLORIFY GOD

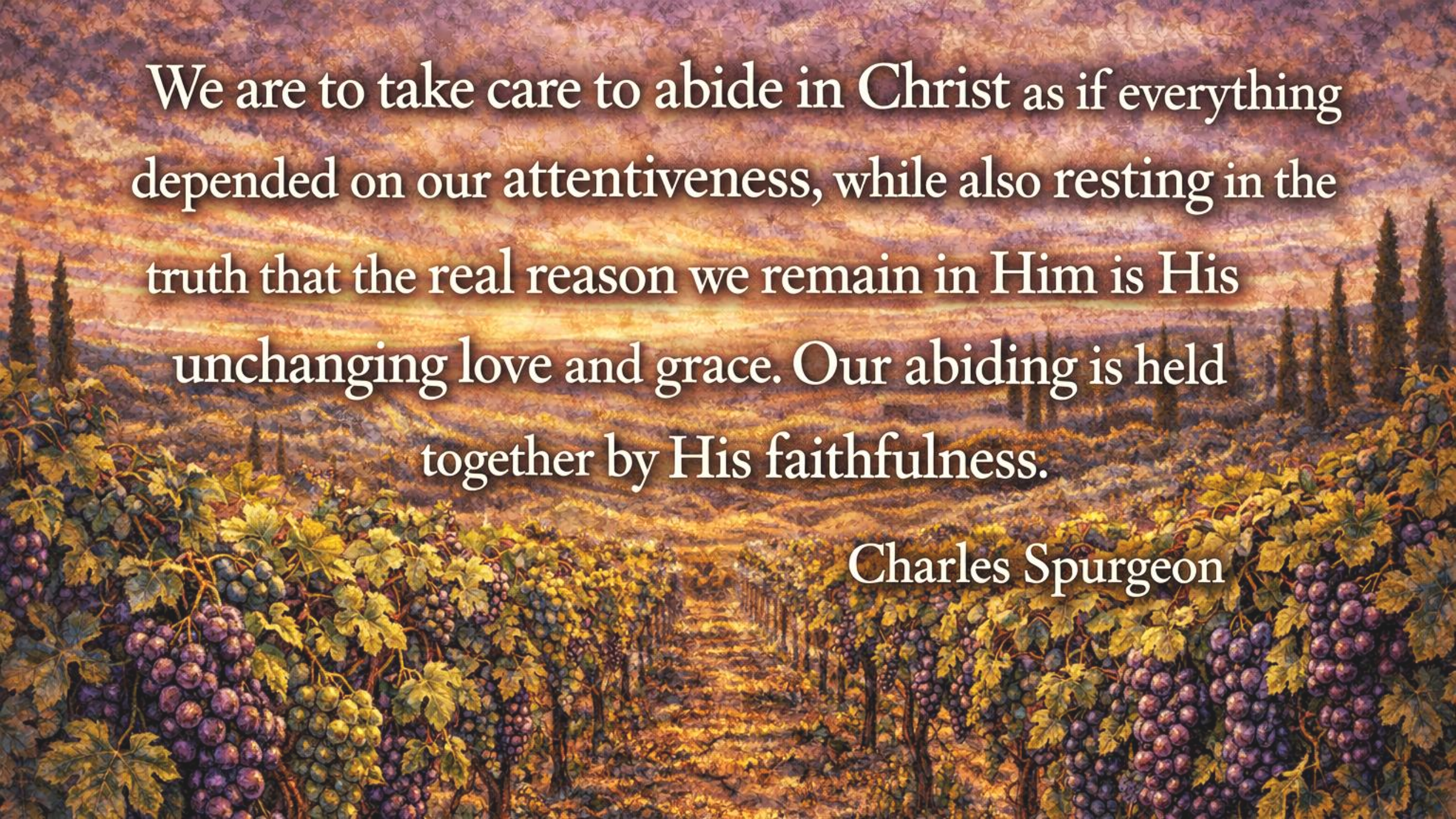


Abiding in Christ and  
Bearing Fruit are not  
two different actions, but  
one. If we abide,  
we will bear fruit.



Glorify ~

*To Give a Proper  
Opinion or Picture of*

A detailed painting of a vineyard at sunset. The scene is filled with rows of grapevines, their leaves and clusters of dark purple grapes rendered with fine detail. A path winds through the center of the vineyard, leading the eye towards a horizon where the sun is setting, casting a warm, golden glow over the landscape. The sky is a mix of soft pinks, oranges, and purples, with wispy clouds. In the background, several tall, dark evergreen trees stand against the horizon. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

We are to take care to abide in Christ as if everything depended on our attentiveness, while also resting in the truth that the real reason we remain in Him is His unchanging love and grace. Our abiding is held together by His faithfulness.

Charles Spurgeon