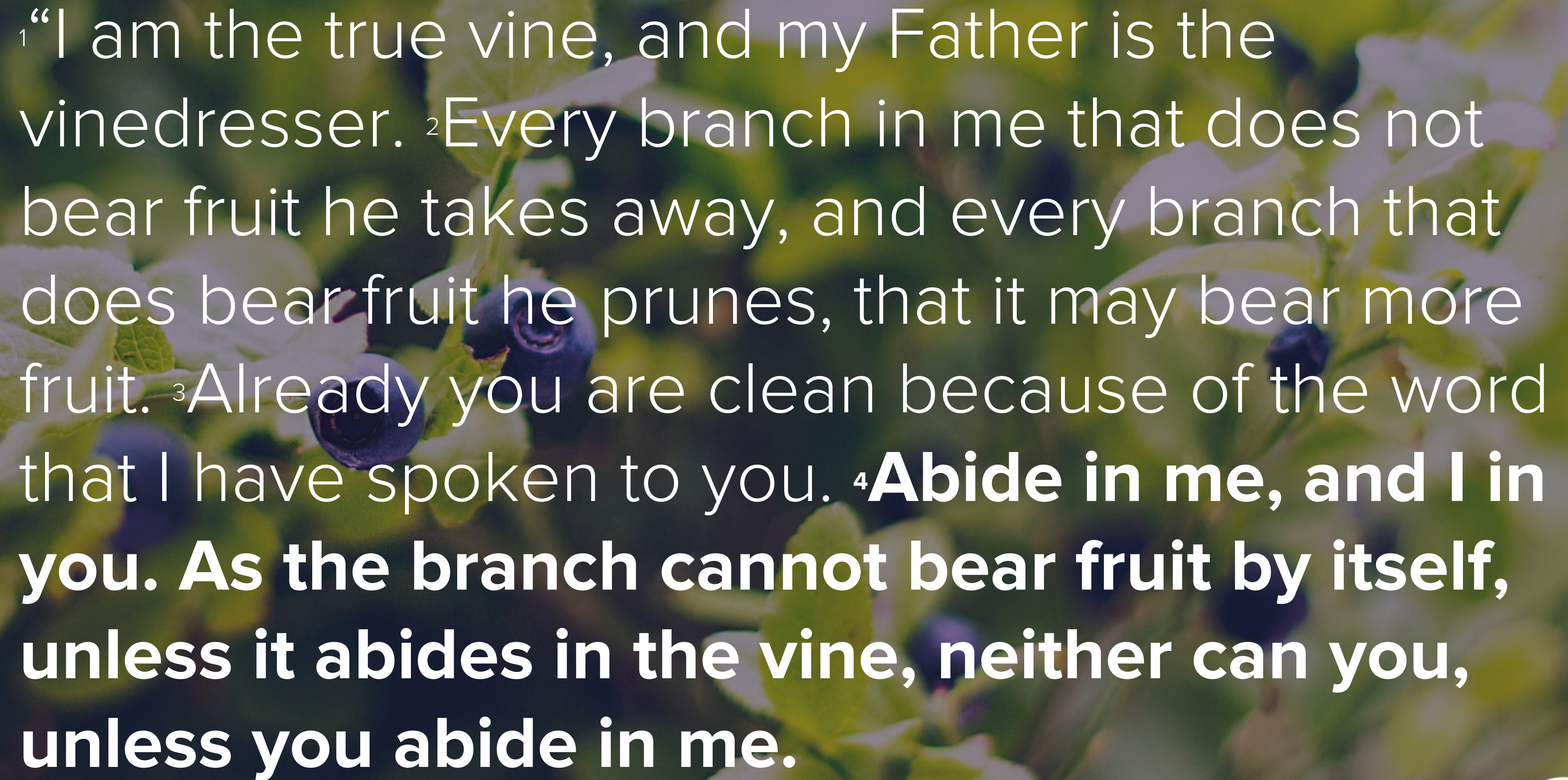




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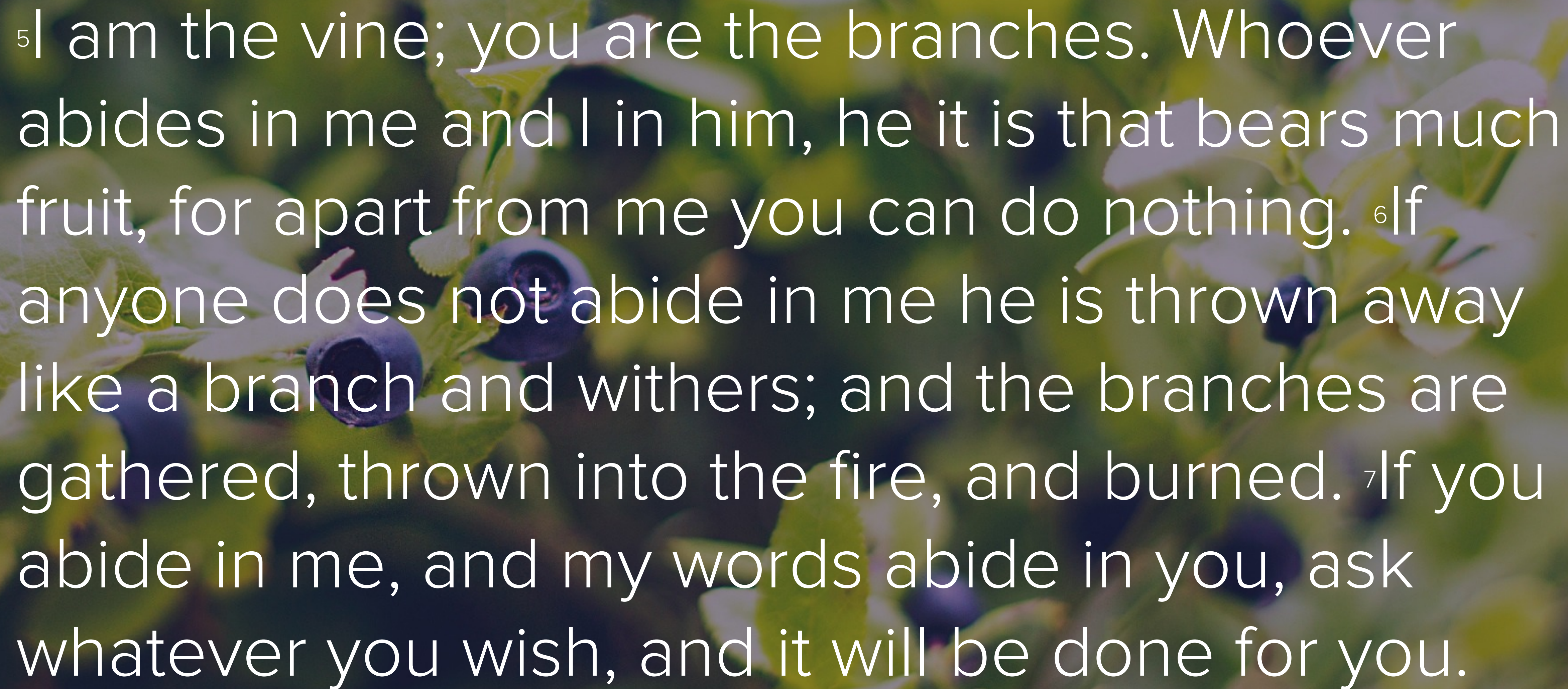
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ABIDE TO BE FRUITFUL



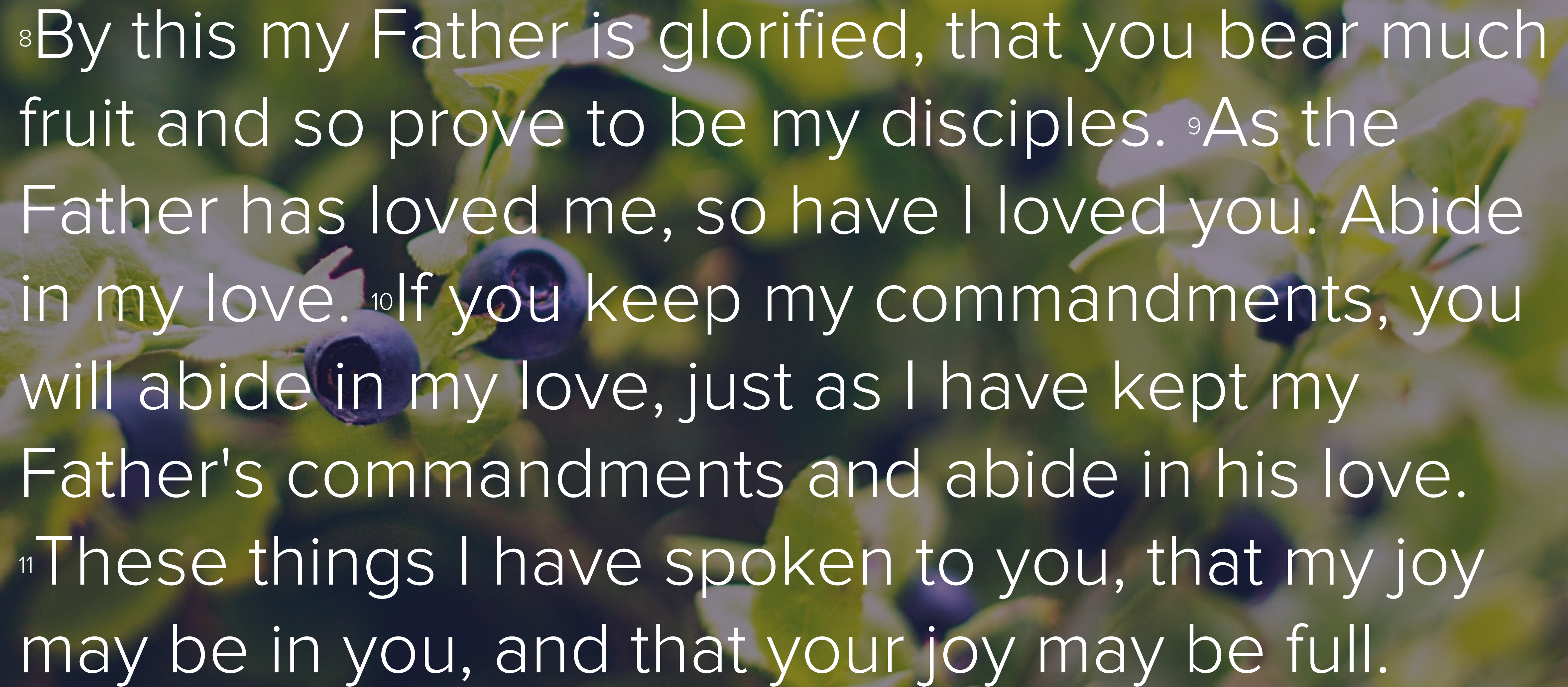
¹“I am the true vine, and my Father is the
vinedresser. ²Every branch in me that does not
bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that
does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more
fruit. ³Already you are clean because of the word
that I have spoken to you. ⁴**Abide in me, and I in
you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself,
unless it abides in the vine, neither can you,
unless you abide in me.**

John 15:1-11 (ESV)



⁵I 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. ⁶If 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. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

John 15:1-11 (ESV)



⁸By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. ⁹As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

John 15:1-11 (ESV)

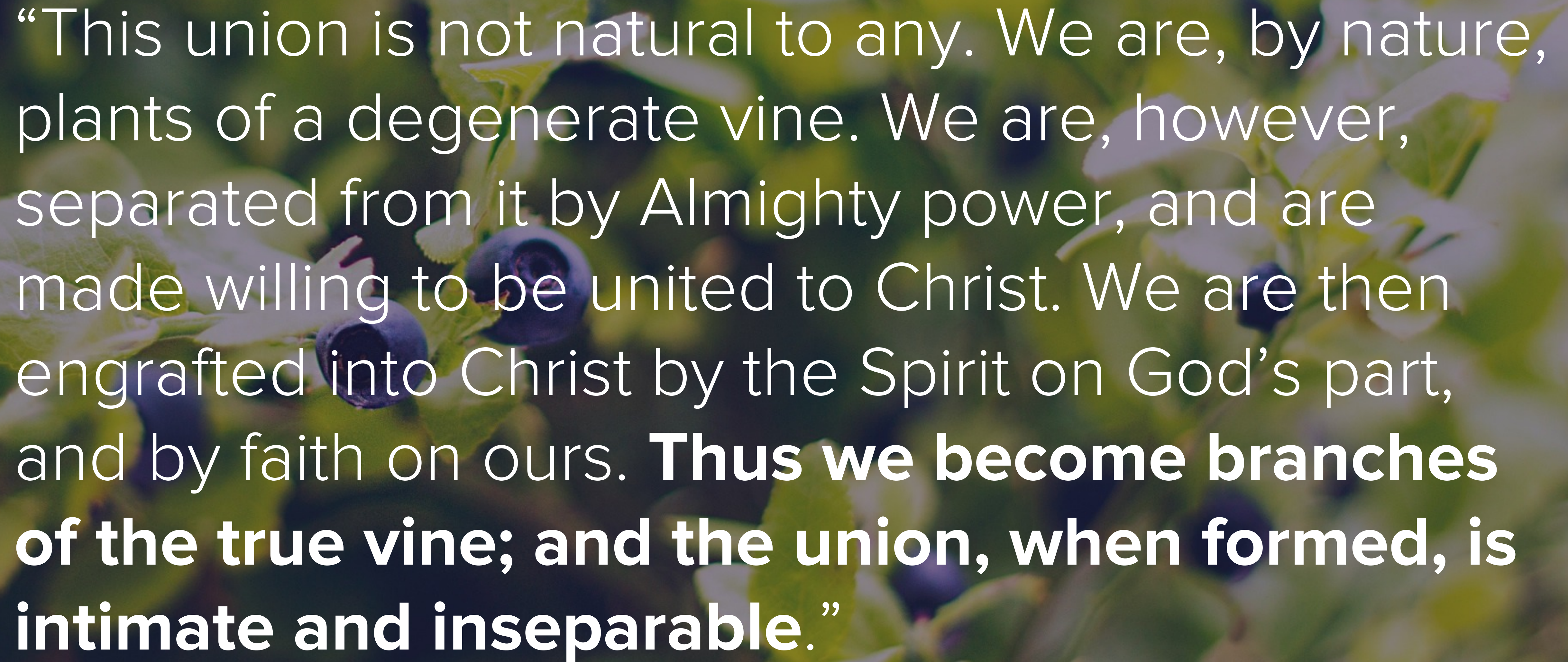
A close-up photograph of a blueberry branch with several ripe, dark blue berries and green leaves. The image is slightly blurred, creating a soft, natural background for the text.

Abiding: to remain in, to continue to exist in a state of deep connection

“The mysterious oneness that makes Jesus the true source of our spiritual life and fruitfulness.”

—Charles Ross





“This union is not natural to any. We are, by nature, plants of a degenerate vine. We are, however, separated from it by Almighty power, and are made willing to be united to Christ. We are then engrafted into Christ by the Spirit on God’s part, and by faith on ours. **Thus we become branches of the true vine; and the union, when formed, is intimate and inseparable.**”

—Charles Simeon

A close-up photograph of a branch with several ripe blueberries and green leaves. The background is softly blurred, showing more foliage. The text "Abiding Is God's Heart" is overlaid in white, bold, sans-serif font in the center of the image.

Abiding Is God's Heart

Abiding Is God's Heart

-Abiding Has Its Roots in The Nature And Desire Of God

I am the **true vine**, and my Father is the vinedresser. **Abide in me**, and I in you...

John 15: 1,4a

A close-up photograph of a blueberry bush with green leaves and several ripe, dark blue berries. The image is slightly blurred, creating a soft, natural background for the text.

Abiding Is God's Heart

Corporately: Then have them make a sanctuary for Me, and I will **dwell** among them.
Exodus 25:8 (NIV)

Abiding Is God's Heart

Legally: We have this **hope as an anchor for the soul**, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain, where our forerunner, Jesus, has entered on our behalf. He has become a **high priest forever**, in the order of Melchizedek.

Hebrews 6:19-20 (NIV)

Abiding Is God's Heart

Individually: I am the **true vine**, and my Father is the vinedresser. **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.

John 15:1,4 (ESV)

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Abiding Makes Us Strong



Abiding Makes Us Strong

-Abiding Leads To Strength

As the branch cannot **bear fruit** by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit, **for apart from me you can do nothing.**

John 15:4b-5 (ESV)

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Abiding Makes Us Fruitful



Abiding Makes Us Fruitful

-Abiding Leads To Fruitfulness

As the branch cannot **bear fruit** by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches.

Whoever abides in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

John 15:4b-5 (ESV)

Abiding Makes Us Fruitful

FRUIT: The produce of the branch, by which men are refreshed and nourished. The fruit is not for the branch, but for those who come to carry it away. As soon as fruit is ripe, the branch gives it off, to begin its work of contribution and to prepare its work for another season.

—Andrew Murray; “Abide In Christ”

Abiding Makes Us Fruitful

A fruit-bearing tree lives not for itself, but wholly for those to whom its fruit brings refreshment and life. And so the branch exists only and entirely for the sake of the fruit. To make glad the heart of the Vinedresser is its object, its safety and its glory.

—Andrew Murray; “Abide In Christ”