

Pastor: **Guy**

MESSAGE NOTES

Topic: **The Best Good News Nobody Wants to Hear**

Bible Passage: John 15:1-8



**NOTES**

In suffering I will either move toward God or away from God.

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**3 Main Points**

In 2025 God wants you to abide in Him!

Pruning is not punishment

God will use: trials, suffering & people to grow our faith

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**TAKE ACTION**

How will I incorporate prayer in my life?

**Gather-** Join a group - [foxriver.cc/groups](http://foxriver.cc/groups)

**Grow-** Begin a Daily Rhythm of Bible Reading & Prayer- [Youversion.com](http://Youversion.com)

**Give-** Ask God, *How can I honor you in the giving of my time & finances.*

**Go-** I will pray by name for \_\_\_\_\_ to come to know Jesus.

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JANUARY  
BIBLE  
READING PLAN



SCAN THE  
QR CODE  
TO JOIN



**MEN'S BREAKFAST**

JANUARY 18 | 8AM  
SOUTH WAUKESHA  
CAMPUS

**FINANCIAL PEACE**  
*University*

MONDAYS STARTING JAN 6 | MUSKEGO CAMPUS  
TUESDAYS STARTING JAN 28 | SOUTH CAMPUS



**SAVE LIVES**

NORTH WAUKESHA  
JANUARY 27 | 12:00 - 5:00PM

SOUTH WAUKESHA  
FEBRUARY 3 | 2:00 - 7:00PM

MUSKEGO  
FEBRUARY 10 | 2:30 - 7:30PM

**FAMILY HUB**



**JANUARY 26**  
4:30PM - 6:30PM

SKATELAND WAUKESHA

**Floor Is Lava**



**JAN 22 | SOUTH CAMPUS**

MIDDLE SCHOOL 6 - 7:30PM  
HIGH SCHOOL 7:30 - 9PM

**NO REGRETS MEN'S CONFERENCE**

FEBRUARY 1, 2025

**RESCUED**

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GATHER  
GROW  
GIVE  
GO



SPIRITUALLY  
THRIVE  
IN "25

*"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me."*

*"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples."*

*John 15:1-8*

Those not bearing fruit

'Ai-ro' – to lift up, to take up

*"Then Jesus said to him, "Get up! Pick up your mat and walk."*

*John 5:8*

*"They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over."*

*Luke 9:17*

*"Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me."*

*Matthew 16:24*

*"If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned."*

*John 15:6*

Every believer's life (choices, attitudes, actions) matter for eternity.

At the Judgement Seat (Bema) of Jesus... rewarded or loss of reward

*"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad."*

2 Corinthians 5:10

*"For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ. If anyone builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, their work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each person's work. If what has been built survives, the builder will receive a reward. If it is burned up, the builder will suffer loss but yet will be saved—even though only as one escaping through the flames."*

1 Corinthians 3:11-15

Those bearing fruit

Pruning

'The best good news you didn't want to hear!'

### 1. Trials That Test Our Faith

*"Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything."*

James 1:2-4

Trial – a life challenge (problem or opportunity) that puts our faith to the test.

"Consider it joy" (vs 2)

- 'Perseverance' – 'hypo-meno'

### 2. Suffering

*"Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us."*

Romans 5:3-5

'Perseverance' – 'hypo-meno'

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*“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.”*

*Romans 8:28*

3. People

*“You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.*

*Matthew 5:43-48*

*“Rebuke a wise man and he will love you.”*

*Proverbs 9:8 NIV*

*“Open rebuke is better than hidden love!”*

*Proverbs 27:5 TLB*

If not bearing fruit – repent

If bearing fruit – expect

If not in Christ – receive