



## Planted, Growing, Fruitful

Part 1

January 4, 2026

### Planted



## I. INTRO

### A. Fresh fruit

**John 15:4-5, 8 (NLT)** **R**emain in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me. “Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing... When you produce much fruit, you are my true disciples. This brings great glory to my Father.

- Fruit doesn't *make* you a disciple, fruit *reveals* what you're already connected to

### B. What kind of fruit?

- Jesus spends more time talking about **connection** than outcomes
  - Abide in Me
  - Remain in Me
  - Stay connected to Me

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## II. GOD'S ORDER

### A. Order matters

**Isaiah 37:31 (NKJV)** **A**nd the remnant who have escaped of the house of Judah shall again take root downward, and bear fruit upward.

### B. Fruitful for a life-time

**Psalm 92:12-14 (NKJV)** **T**he righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, He shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon. Those who are planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God. They shall still bear fruit in old age; They shall be fresh and flourishing

- God isn't just interested in what your life looks like in only one season. He's shaping who you become **over a lifetime**

### C. Roots don't win ribbons

- Many of the “fruit problems” we deal with are really root problems
- The unseen roots are where God does His deepest work
- Hidden seasons are not wasted seasons. They are formation seasons



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#### D. Israel in the wilderness

**Deuteronomy 8:11, 17 (NLT)** “But that is the time to be careful! Beware that in your plenty you do not forget the Lord your God and disobey his commands, regulations, and decrees that I am giving you today... He did all this so you would never say to yourself, ‘I have achieved this wealth with my own strength and energy.’

- Roots are where trust is formed—BOTH WAYS. God prepares us underground for what He wants to entrust to us above ground

### IV. SEED AND SOIL

#### A. Roots and fruit always start as seed

**1 Peter 1:23 (NKJV)** having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever

- Seeds are not the finished product—but seeds carry the future inside them

**Galatians 5:22-23 (NLT)** But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!

#### B. A life rooted in Christ will begin to look like Christ

- Showing up should result in growing up
- When the seed is incorruptible, and the soil is healthy, **fruit is inevitable**
- We've come full circle

**John 15:8 (NLT)** When you produce much fruit, you are my true disciples. This brings great glory to my Father.

#### C. Get planted

- Where You're Planted Matters
- What You Feed Your Roots Matters
- Time Matters

#### D. From rooted to growing

- A life that is being formed into the likeness of Christ, step by step
- This season is quiet, intentional, It's often slow
- He who began a good work in you will complete it