Pruned for Growth
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1*"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser.*
2 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.
3 Already 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.
5 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.
6 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.
7 If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.
8 By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples."
John 15:1–8

1: God Doesn't Just Want Growth—He Wants Fruit
"Every branch in me that does not bear fruit He takes away…"

2: Even Fruitful People Get Pruned
"Every branch that does bear fruit He prunes…"

"No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness…" Hebrews 12:11

3: Abide—Don't Just Try Harder
"Abide in me, and I in you…"

4: Pruning Leads to Power
"So that it may bear more fruit…"

5: Fruitfulness Glorifies God, Not You
"By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples."

6. Trust the Vinedresser
"When the harvest time comes, and the blossom has become a ripening grape, he cuts off the shoots with pruning knives…" Isaiah 18:5

 Call to Action HAT
1. **Humble Yourself** – Invite God to show you what He may be pruning in your life.
2. **Abide** – Spend time daily in His Word, prayer, and stillness. Stay connected.
3. **Trust** – Believe that this painful season is producing lasting fruit.