



THE  
**GOSPEL** *of* **JOHN**

THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE

## John 15:1-6

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. <sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you.

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<sup>4</sup> 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. <sup>5</sup> I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit,

## John 15:1-6

for apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup> 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.

# The True Vine

The Vine (v1); the path to God doesn't go through the nation of Israel, it goes through Jesus.

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**The Fruit (v2);** not visible manifestations, but rather inwardly cultivating the fruit of the Spirit which will necessarily bring forth visible fruit.

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The Pruning (v2); Psalm 119:71—It was good for me that I was afflicted, that I might learn your statutes.

## Hebrews 12:4-11

In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. <sup>5</sup> And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons? “My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him.

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<sup>6</sup> For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives.” <sup>7</sup> It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? <sup>8</sup> If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated,

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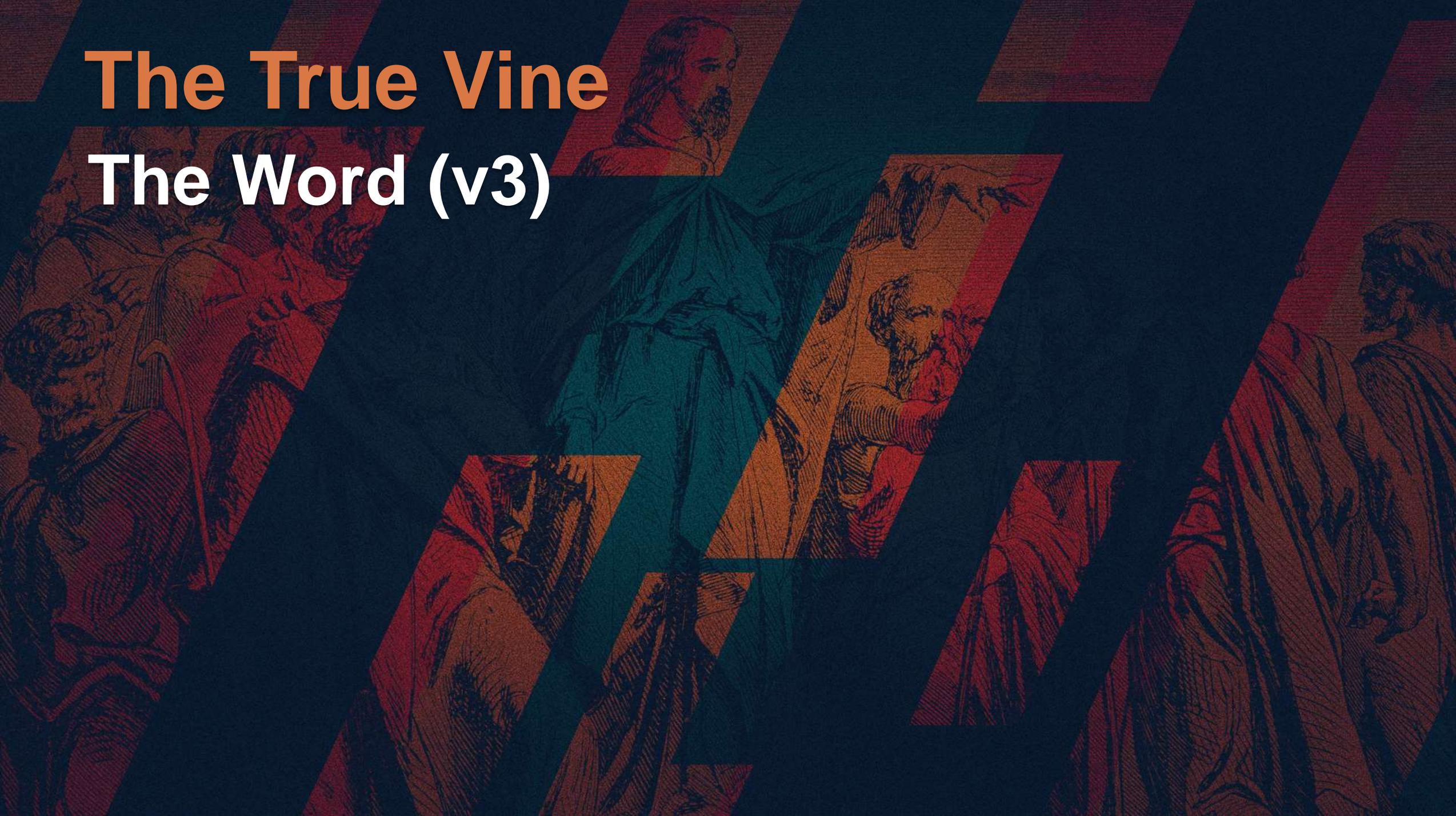
then you are illegitimate children and not sons. <sup>9</sup> Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? <sup>10</sup> For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them,

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but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness. <sup>11</sup> For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

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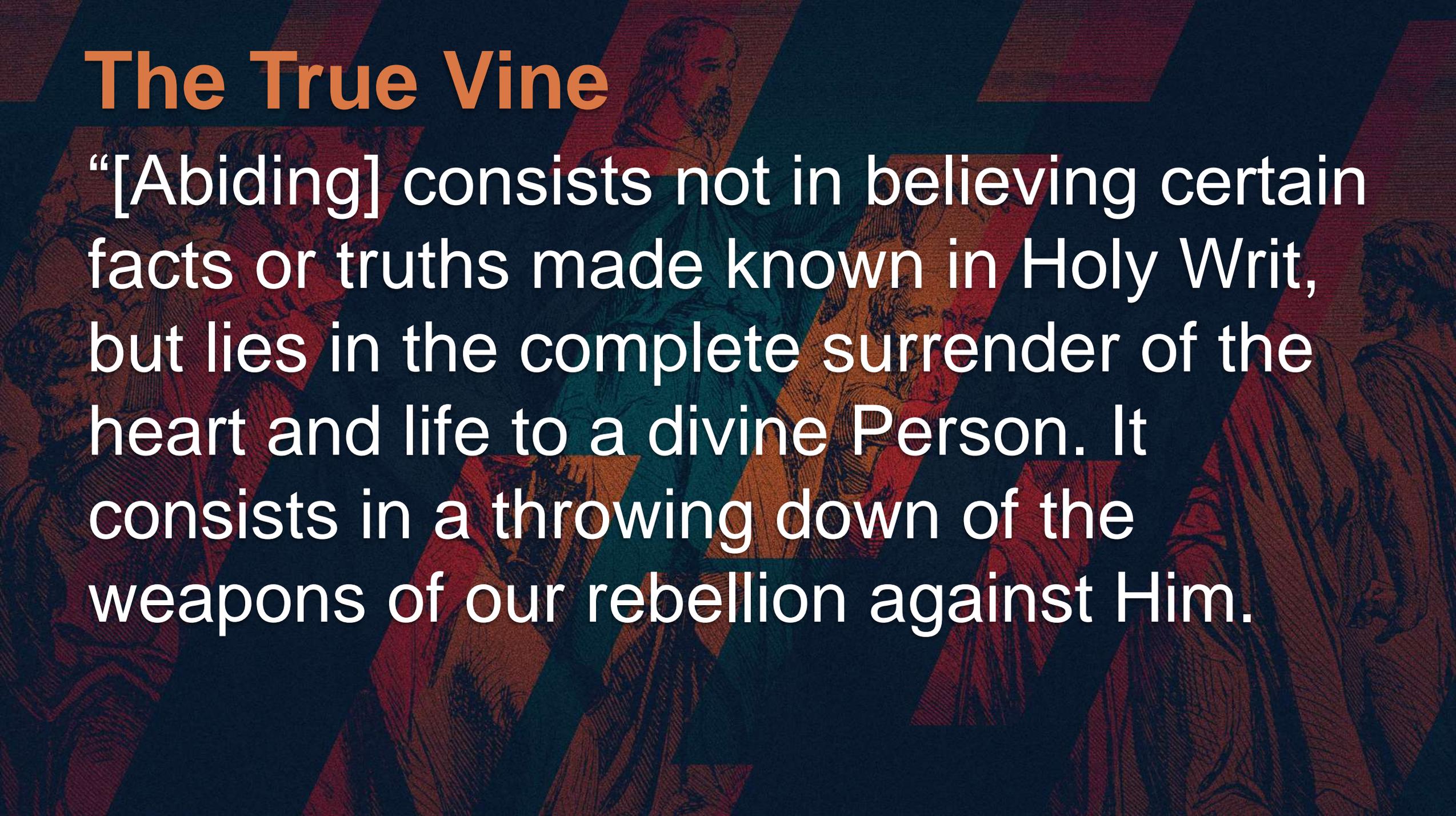
## The Word (v3)



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**The abiding (vv4-6);** “What is [abiding]? It is far, far more than a believing that Jesus Christ is the incarnate Son of God, and that He made an atonement for our sins. Thousands believe that, who are yet dead in trespasses and sins!

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“[Abiding] consists not in believing certain facts or truths made known in Holy Writ, but lies in the complete surrender of the heart and life to a divine Person. It consists in a throwing down of the weapons of our rebellion against Him.

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It is the total disowning of allegiance to the old master—Satan, sin, self, and a declaring “we will have this Man to reign over us” (Luke 19:14). It is owning the claims of Christ and bowing to His rights of absolute dominion over us. It is taking His yoke upon us,

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submitting unto his scepter, yielding to His blessed will. In a word, it is receiving Christ Jesus the Lord, giving Him the throne of our hearts, turning over to Him the control and regulation of our lives.”

—A.W. Pink, *The Life of David*

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## The judgment (v6)

