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WHAT IT MEANS TO FOLLOW JESUS

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1. Every 'believer' is a disciple.
2. Being a follower of Christ is dynamic rather than static.
3. The life of a disciple is empowered by the Spirit of God and the Word of God.
4. Discipleship is a '*person to be*' rather than a '*project or a program to complete*'.
5. One essential dimension of following Christ is doing it with one another.

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- **to have nothing to offer**
- **to have no place else to go**

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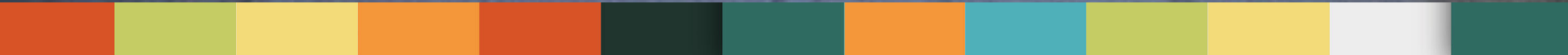
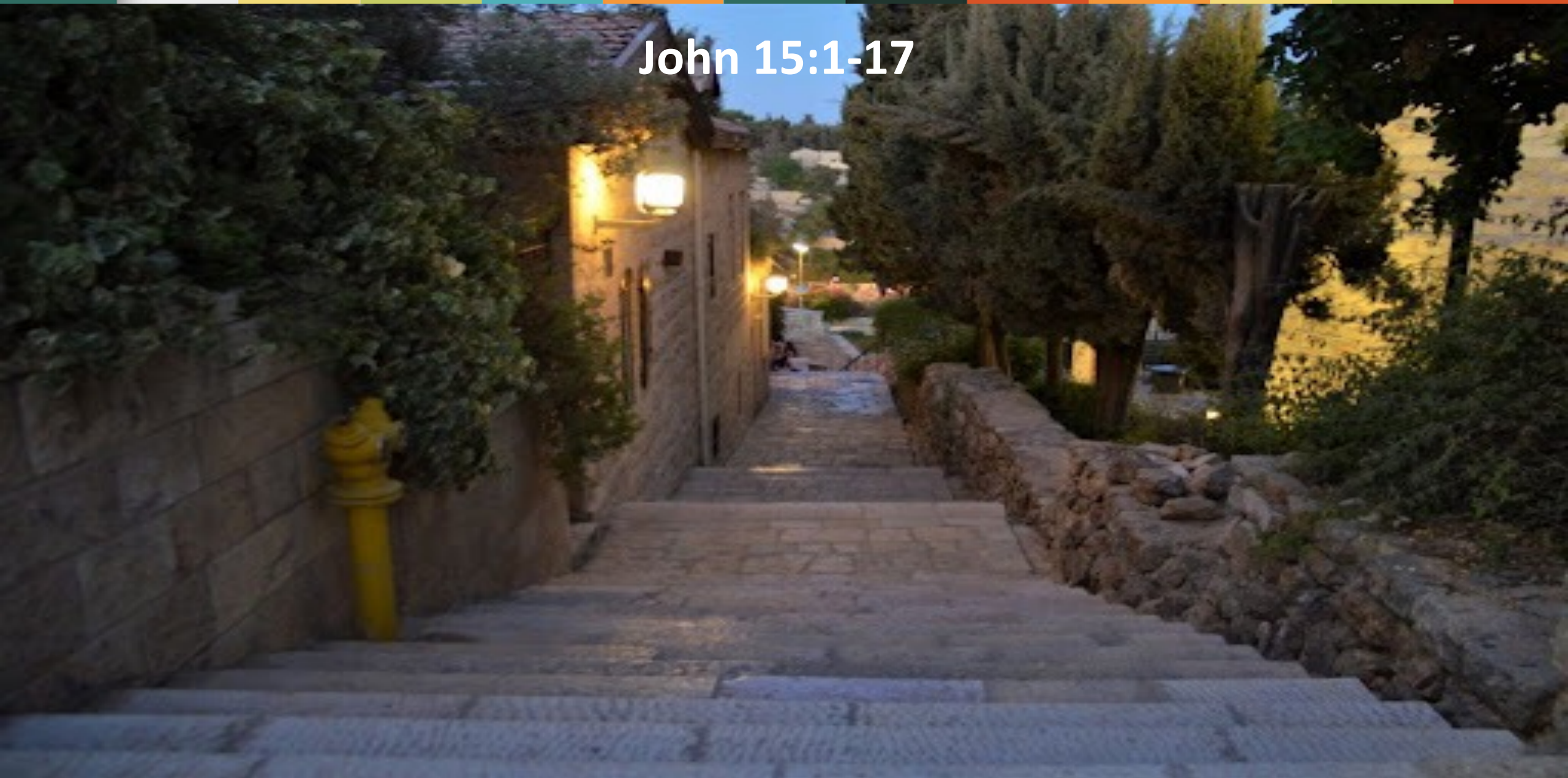


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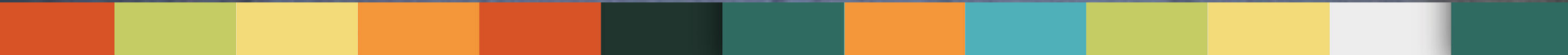
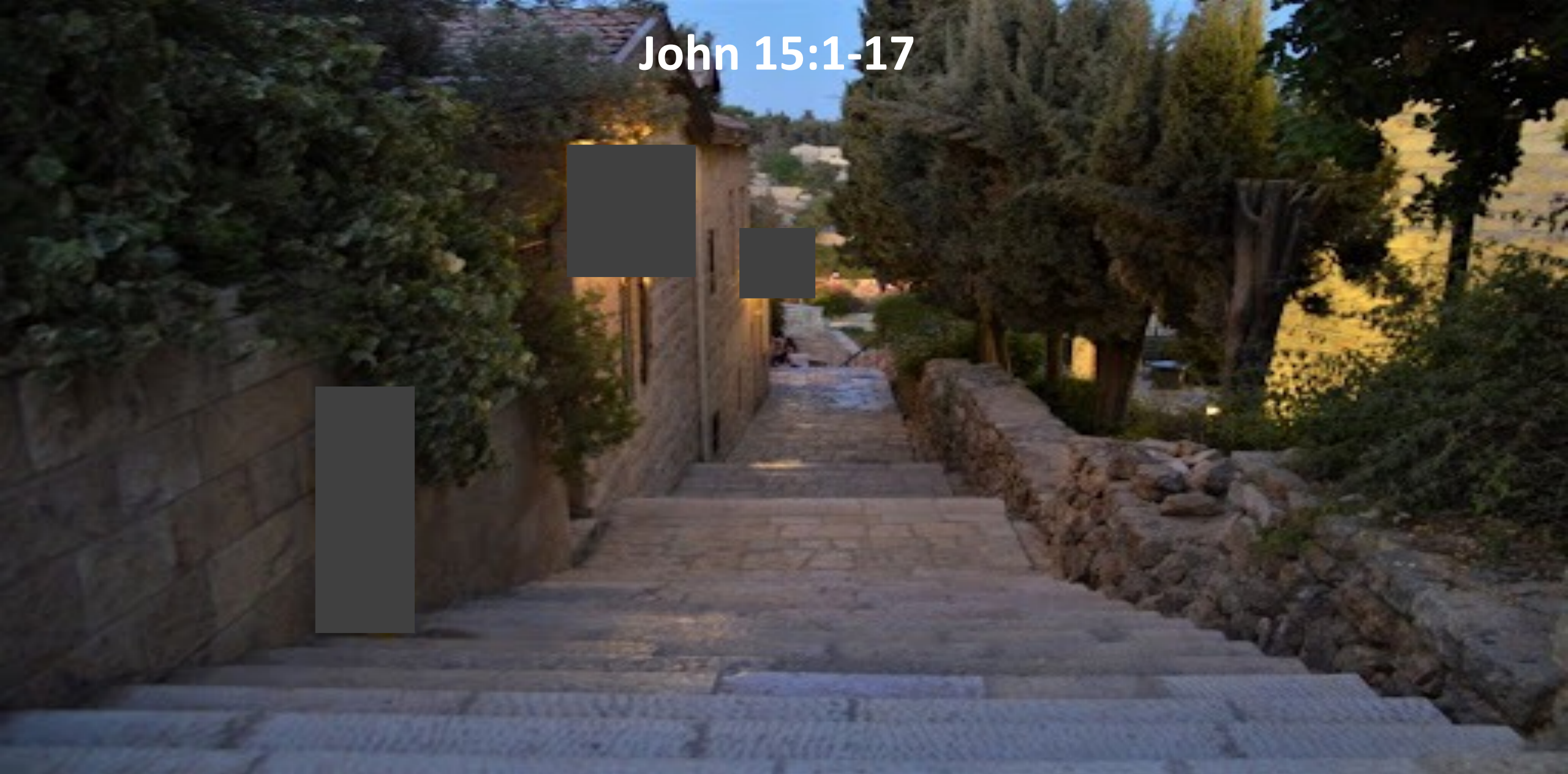


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3 Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come from God and was going back to God,

4 rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around His waist.

5 Then He poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around Him.

6 He came to Simon Peter, who said to Him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?"

7 Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand."

8 Peter said to Him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no share with me."

9 Simon Peter said to Him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!"

10 Jesus said to him, "The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you."

11 For He knew who was to betray Him; that was why He said, "Not all of you are clean."

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Abide: Greek *meno*  
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As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.

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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.

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**9 As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in My love.**

**10** If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in His love.

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**12** "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

**13** Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.

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**15** No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you.



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*How is the fruit production going in your life?*

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