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Attribute One - Learn to Be With Jesus

Matthew 11:28-30 “come to me, all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

John 15:1-10

Left Foot: Remain in Him

- a. It is essential that we remain in Christ, staying connected to him and dependent on him as our source for life.
- b. God has a full purpose for each of our lives. His ultimate purpose is that we would fulfill his purpose (bear fruit) in his world.
- c. We are not on this planet to find ourselves or to find our purpose. We are on this planet for him and to fulfill his purpose.

Who is the vine?

What is the role of the father?

What is the role of the follower of Christ?

- a. The word remain appears 11 times in John 15:1-10, always in reference to staying connected to Jesus.
- b. The promise he makes is that if we would remain in him, he would remain in us.
- c. James captures the thought this way; “Come near to God and he will come near to you.” 4:8

Right Foot: Bear Fruit (John 15:5-6; Galatians 5:22-23)

- a. Fruit of the Spirit
 - a. Love - loving people without expecting anything back, no strings attached
 - b. Joy - delight, being in a good mood because God satisfies
 - c. Peace - health and wholeness in relationships and personal well being
 - d. Patience - prolonged restraint of anger and agitation
 - e. Kindness - friendly, regardless of how people treat you
 - f. Goodness - being generous and kind to people
 - g. Faithfulness - confident trust in God that results in consistent action
 - h. Gentleness - humility, considerateness, meakness
 - i. Self-control - disciplined, control over actions and appetites.

Left Foot: READ His WORD (John 15:7; John 1:1-18; Psalm 1)

- a. In order to really look at Jesus, you are going to have to read and review often the four books of the Bible that tell you specifically about Him (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John)
- b. Go on the Journey...Facebook Group - #Follow17

Right Foot: Walk in Prayer (John 15:7; Matthew 7:7-12; James 4:2-3)

- a. When you learn to remain in Christ and remain in his word, you will learn to pray his kind of prayers, and God will answer them.
- b. The invitation to prayer is to get close to Jesus so you know the things about which he cares most. When you align your heart with his desires, there is openness about what can happen in prayer. God values your creativity.
- c. He says; that If you remain in him and his word, then you can ask him for what is in your heart.

Left Foot: The Affect on Others (John 15:9-12)

- a. V.10 says; remain in my love. How do we remain in his love?
- b. V.12 what does he command?
 - a. Give away the love you are experiencing from Jesus. It is not a burden. Actually, it is the exact opposite; “I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.”
 - b. Remaining in Christ’s love will want you to give away his love. The more you receive from him, the more you are going to want to give away.

Seven Attributes of a Follower of Christ: Learn To....

Be With Jesus

Listen

Heal

Influence

Love

Pray

Manage