



1 John 5:14

HE HEARS US WHENEVER
WE ASK FOR ANYTHING
THAT PLEASES HIM.

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Live Your Life Intimately Joined to Me

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“But if you live in life-union with me and if my words live powerfully within you—then you can ask whatever you desire and it will be done.” (John 15:7 TPT)

Introduction

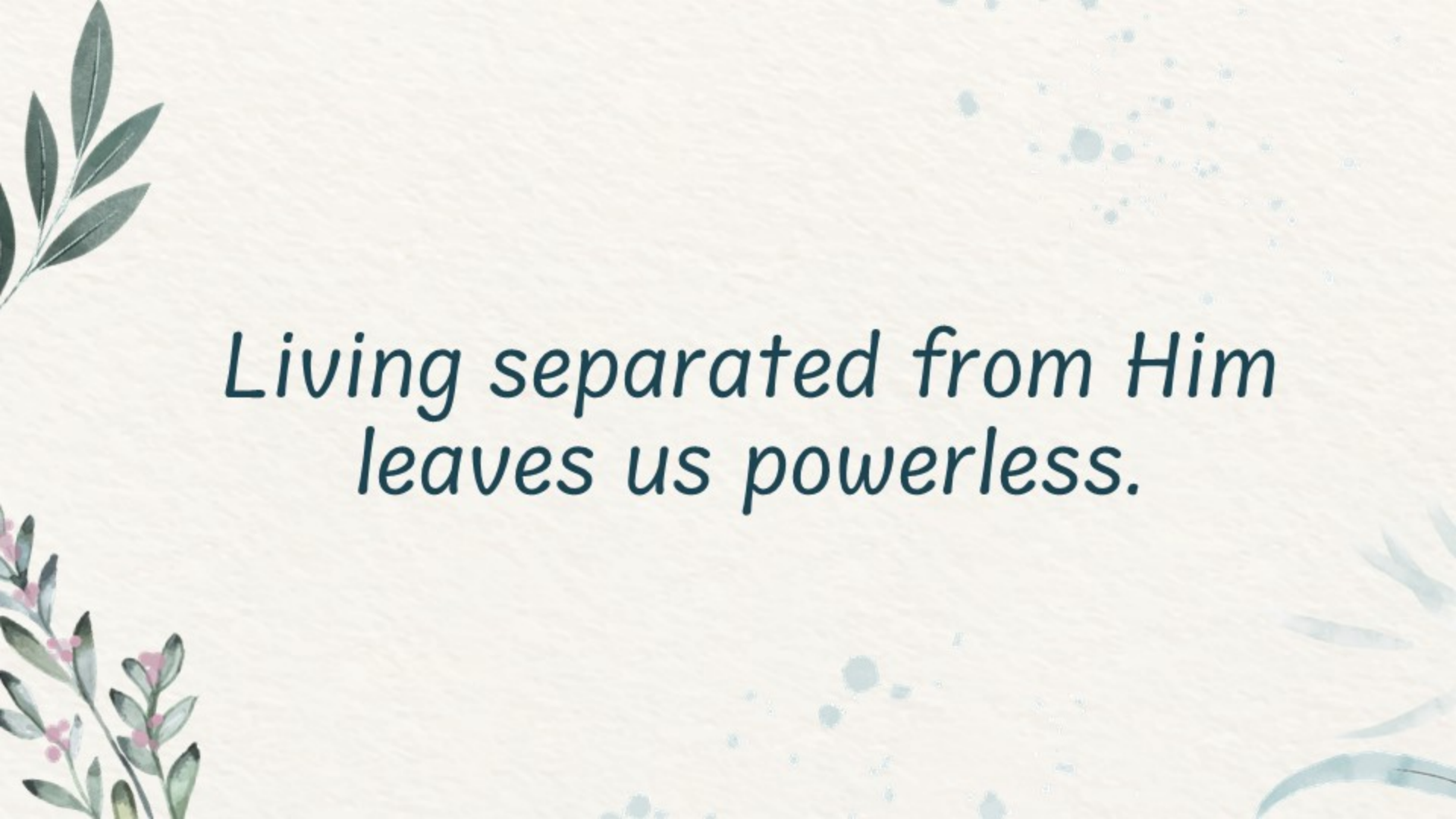
Jesus spends his final days at the last supper with his disciples before dying on the cross for us. In John 15, depending on the translation, the words abide or remain are mentioned eleven times. Why did Jesus repeat those words eleven times within that chapter? He probably needed to ensure how important this truth was going to be for each one of his disciples and for those of us learning how to remain in Him after He went to be with the Father.

John 15:1-4

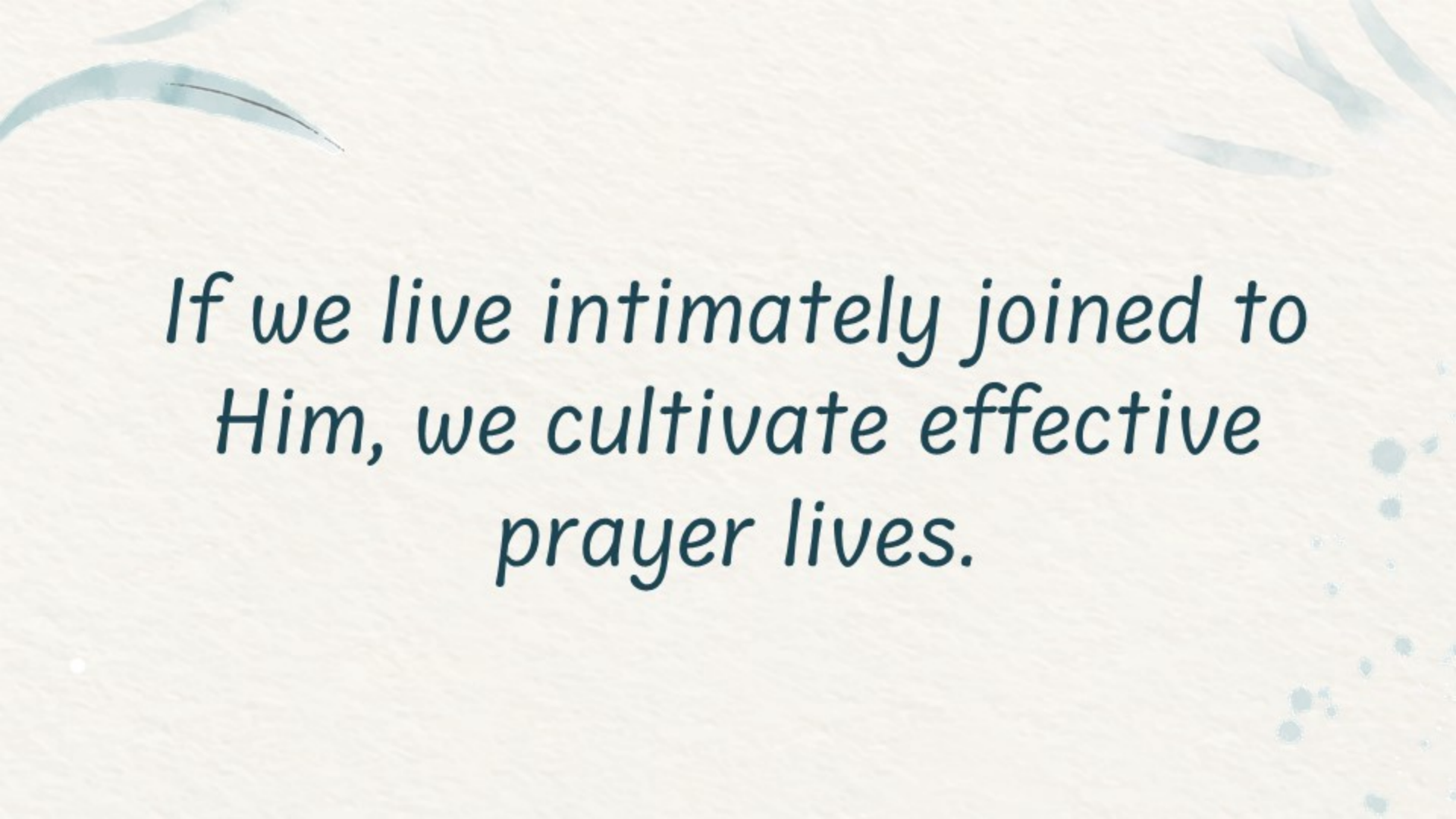
¹ “I am a true sprouting vine, and the farmer who tends the vine is my Father. ² He cares for the branches connected to me by lifting and propping up the fruitless branches and pruning every fruitful branch to yield a greater harvest. ³ The words I have spoken over you have already cleansed you. ⁴ So you must remain in life-union with me, for I remain in life-union with you. For as a branch severed from the vine will not bear fruit, so your life will be fruitless unless you live your life intimately joined to mine.”

John 15:5–8

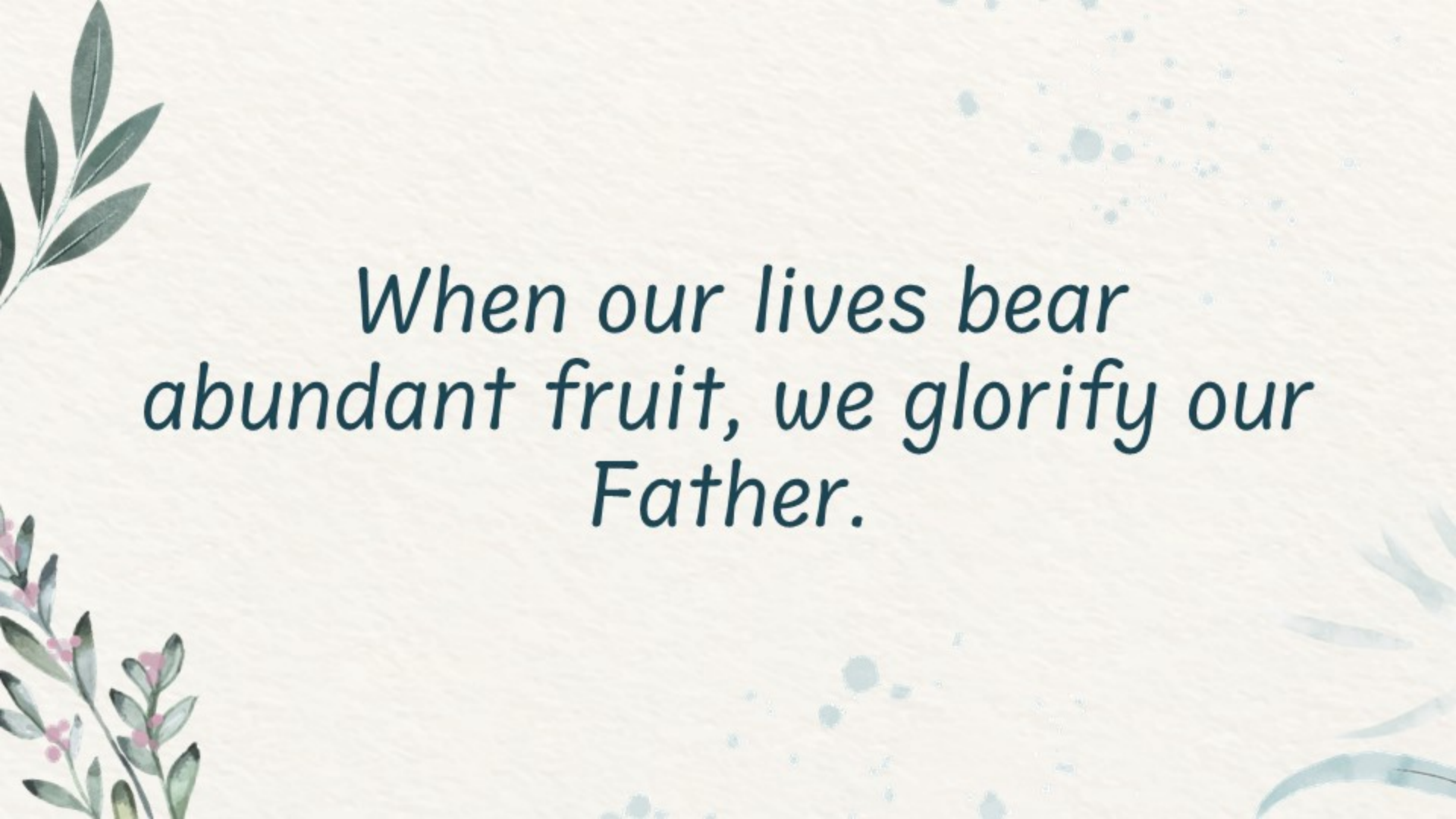
⁵ “I am the sprouting vine and you’re my branches. As you live in union with me as your source, fruitfulness will stream from within you—but when you live separated from me you are powerless. ⁶ If a person is separated from me, he is discarded; such branches are gathered up and thrown into the fire to be burned. ⁷ But if you live in life-union with me and if my words live powerfully within you—then you can ask whatever you desire and it will be done. ⁸ When your lives bear abundant fruit, you demonstrate that you are my mature disciples who glorify my Father!”

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*Living separated from Him
leaves us powerless.*



*If we live intimately joined to
Him, we cultivate effective
prayer lives.*

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Conclusion




Our relationship with Jesus is the most important relationship we will ever have. Our prayer lives will be effective when we remain intimately joined to Him. Let's live our lives so close to Him that we can ask whatever we desire and trust it will be done!





For Our Prayerful Study, Discussion and Application:

- (1) Share your story of how God led you to pray for yourself, someone else or a situation and answered your prayers.
 - (2) What did the Holy Spirit show you in John 15:1-8?
 - (3) Pray for the needs of one another.
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