



## JESUS & IDENTITY | LESSON 3 DEVOTION 1

***"I AM THE VINE; YOU ARE THE BRANCHES. IF A MAN REMAINS IN ME AND I IN HIM, HE WILL BEAR MUCH FRUIT; APART FROM ME YOU CAN DO NOTHING."-JOHN 15:5***

When your phone's battery dies, what is your phone good for? Really, not a whole lot. You can get the most technologically advanced smartphone on the market but without a battery, it's about as useful as a brick.

We're kind of the same way. Disconnected from God, our potential to make a true impact in this world is ... well, zero.

What Jesus said in John 15:5 should make us think about a power source. With Jesus as our power source, we have all we need to be used by Him to do awesome things in this world. But if we don't stay plugged into Him, we'll find that we'll have no ability to impact the world for Christ. It's not enough to just say we know who Jesus is. Along with knowing His name, we have to set up camp in His presence and seek Him daily so that we know Him more personally.

So what does it mean to "remain" in Jesus? Easy. We're to continue to seek Him out. To be close to Him through prayer and through meeting Him in the Bible. We're to think about Jesus and His ways. Remaining in Jesus means keeping Him as the top priority of our thoughts and affections.

Remaining in Jesus? It's a crucial part of your identity as a Christ-follower.