

- ¹ "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. ² He cuts off every branch in me that **bears no fruit**, while every branch that does **bear fruit** he prunes so that it will be even **more fruitful**. ³ You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. ⁴ Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can **bear fruit** by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you **bear fruit** unless you remain in me.
- ⁵ "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. ⁶ If anyone does not remain in me, he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. ⁷ If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you. ⁸ This is to my Father's glory, that you **bear much fruit**, showing yourselves to be my disciples.



REMAIN IN ME

JOHN 15:1-8

DISCIPLESHIP PROCESS

PHASES	KIND
1. Come & See (<i>Jn 1:39a</i>)	Discovering Disciple
2. Come to Me (<i>Mt 11:28</i>)	Developing Disciple
3. Come after Me (<i>Lk 9:23</i>)	Discerning Disciple
4. Remain in Me (<i>Jn 15:4</i>)	Deepening Disciple
5. Go & Make Disciples (<i>Mt 28:19-20</i>)	Be A Disciple-Maker (<i>2 Ti 2:2</i>)

3 QUESTIONS

1. How do we glorify God?

- **By bearing much fruit (v.8)**

2. How do we bear much fruit?

- **By remaining in the vine (v.4)**

- **By responding to God's pruning (v.2b)**

3. What happens when we are not fruitful?

- **We wither, be cut off & burned (v.2a, 6)**

1. HOW DO WE GLORIFY GOD?

By bearing much
fruit (v.8)



Why? God is the Gardener

- John 15:1

¹ "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener.

- He prepares the **ground**
- He enjoys **sowing, watering**
- He takes delight in **new shoots**
- He expects to reap his **harvest**



Context: Israel was to be His vine

Psalm 80:7-9

*7 Restore us, O God Almighty;
make your face shine upon us,
that we may be saved.*

*8 You brought a **vine** out of Egypt;
you drove out the nations and
planted it.*

*9 You cleared the ground for it,
and it took root and filled the land.*

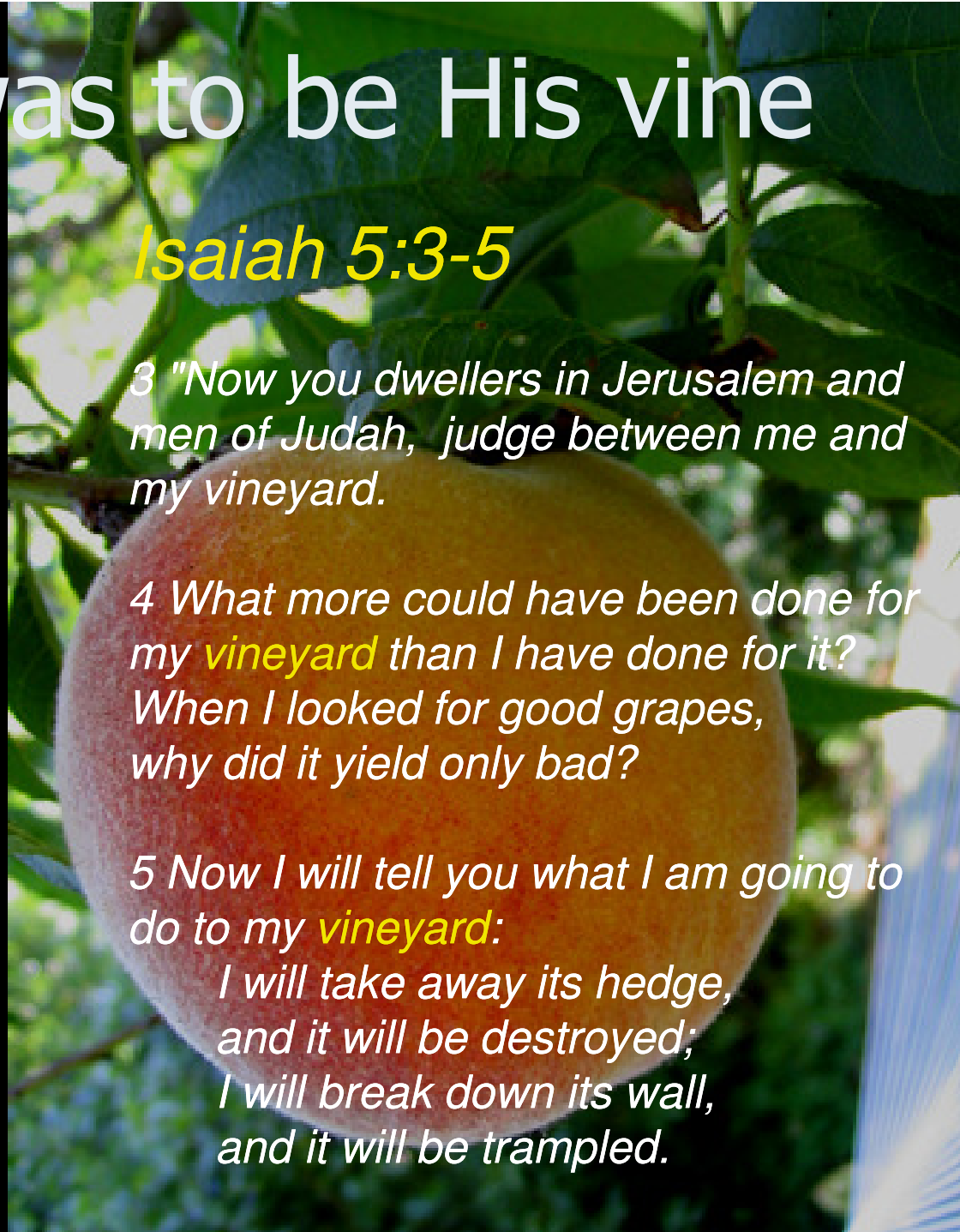
Isaiah 5:3-5

*3 "Now you dwellers in Jerusalem and
men of Judah, judge between me and
my vineyard.*

*4 What more could have been done for
my **vineyard** than I have done for it?
When I looked for good grapes,
why did it yield only bad?*

*5 Now I will tell you what I am going to
do to my **vineyard**:*

*I will take away its hedge,
and it will be destroyed;
I will break down its wall,
and it will be trampled.*



2. How do we bear much fruit?

By remaining in
the vine (v.4)





What does it mean?

Intimacy with Jesus (Jn 15:9-10)

9 "As the Father has *loved* me, so have I *loved* you. Now remain in my *love*. 10 If you obey my commands, you will remain in my *love*, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his *love*.

Context: Judas Iscariot (Jn 13)

- 1 It was just before the Passover Feast. Jesus knew that the time had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he now showed them the full extent of his **love**.*
- 2 The evening meal was being served, and the devil had already prompted Judas Iscariot, son of Simon, to betray Jesus. 3 Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; 4 so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist.*

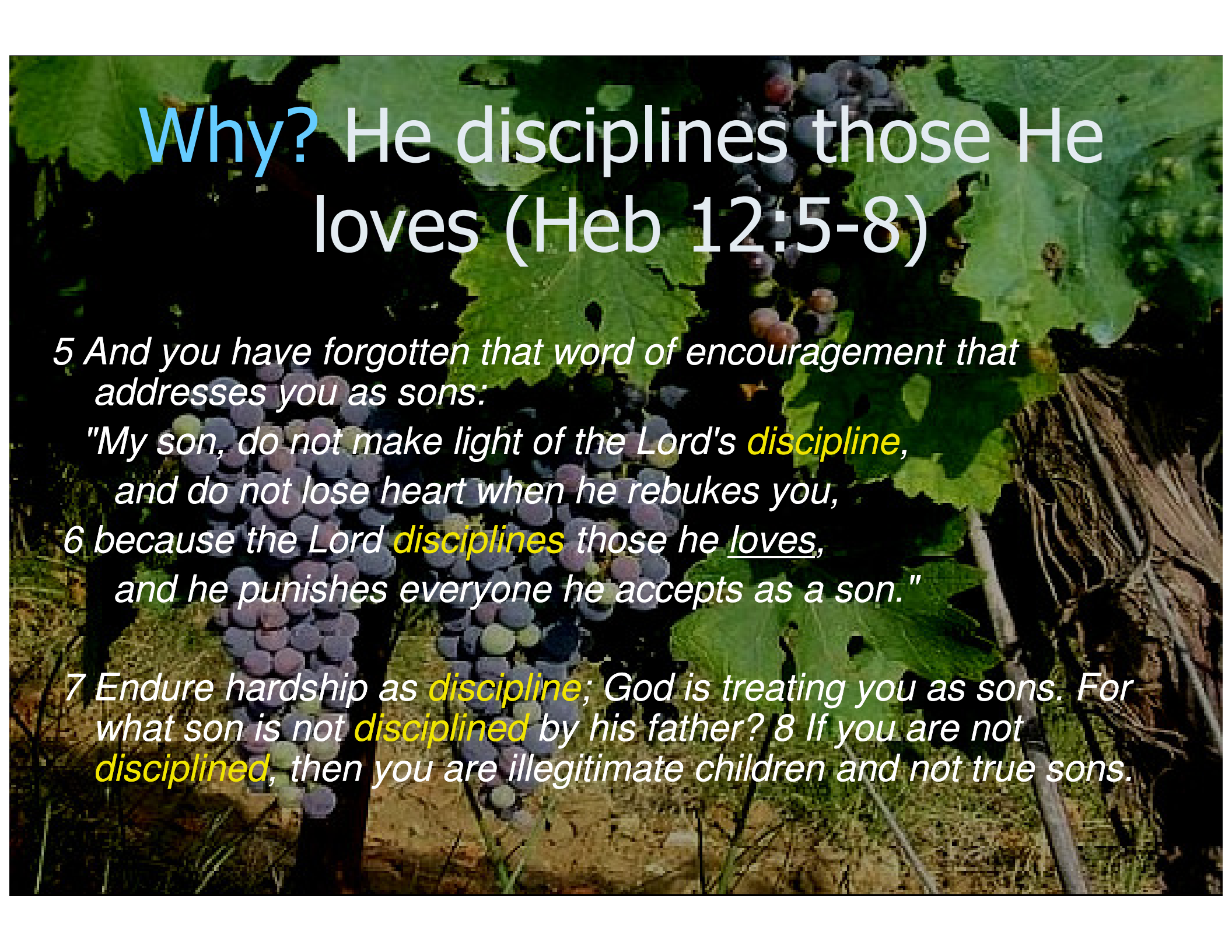
IMPLICATION

Pretense & Presumption

2. How do we bear much fruit?

By responding to
God's pruning (v.2b)





Why? He disciplines those He loves (Heb 12:5-8)

5 And you have forgotten that word of encouragement that addresses you as sons:

*"My son, do not make light of the Lord's **discipline**, and do not lose heart when he rebukes you,*

*6 because the Lord **disciplines** those he loves, and he punishes everyone he accepts as a son."*

*7 Endure hardship as **discipline**; God is treating you as sons. For what son is not **disciplined** by his father? 8 If you are not **disciplined**, then you are illegitimate children and not true sons.*

Context: Peter (Jn 21:15-17)

15 When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you truly **love** me more than these?"

"Yes, Lord," he said, "you know that I **love** you."

Jesus said, "Feed my lambs."

16 Again Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you truly **love** me?"

He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I **love** you."

Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep."

17 The third time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you **love** me?"

Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you **love** me?" He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I **love** you."

Jesus said, "Feed my sheep."

IMPLICATION

- Deny suffering
- Fear suffering

3. What happens when we are not fruitful?

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In what sense?

- It is not about loosing salvation
- It is not about loosing rewards
- It is about loosing intimacy

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How does it look like in MPCC

1. COME & SEE

- Evergreen
- Sat Seminars
- Sunday Services
- Sunday Specials (Evangelistic)
- Camps (Church, Children, Youth)
- Cells Specials
- Ladies & Men Specials

- Leadership Equipping
- Mentoring
- Ministry Leader
- Vision of a ministry

4. REMAIN IN ME

2. COME TO ME

- Baptism
- Confirmation
- New Comer's Tea
- Tithe Offering
- Witnessing
- Cell Group
- Sunday Service

- Follow up new believer
- Discover Spiritual gifts
- Serve in a ministry
- Prayer Meeting
- Ministry of Encouragement
- Attend CE
- Mission Trip

3. COME AFTER ME

