

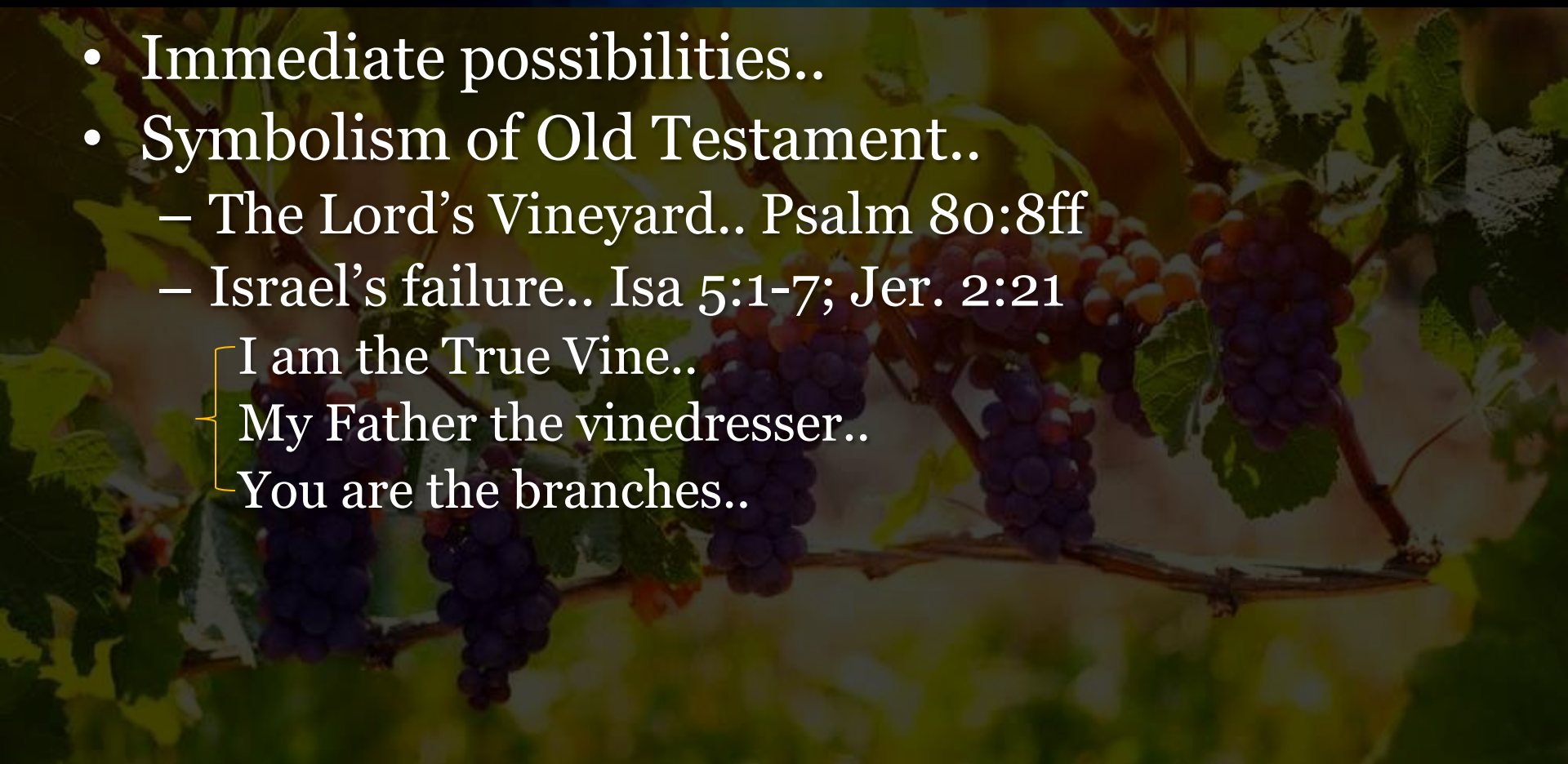
I am the True Vine



John 15:1-8

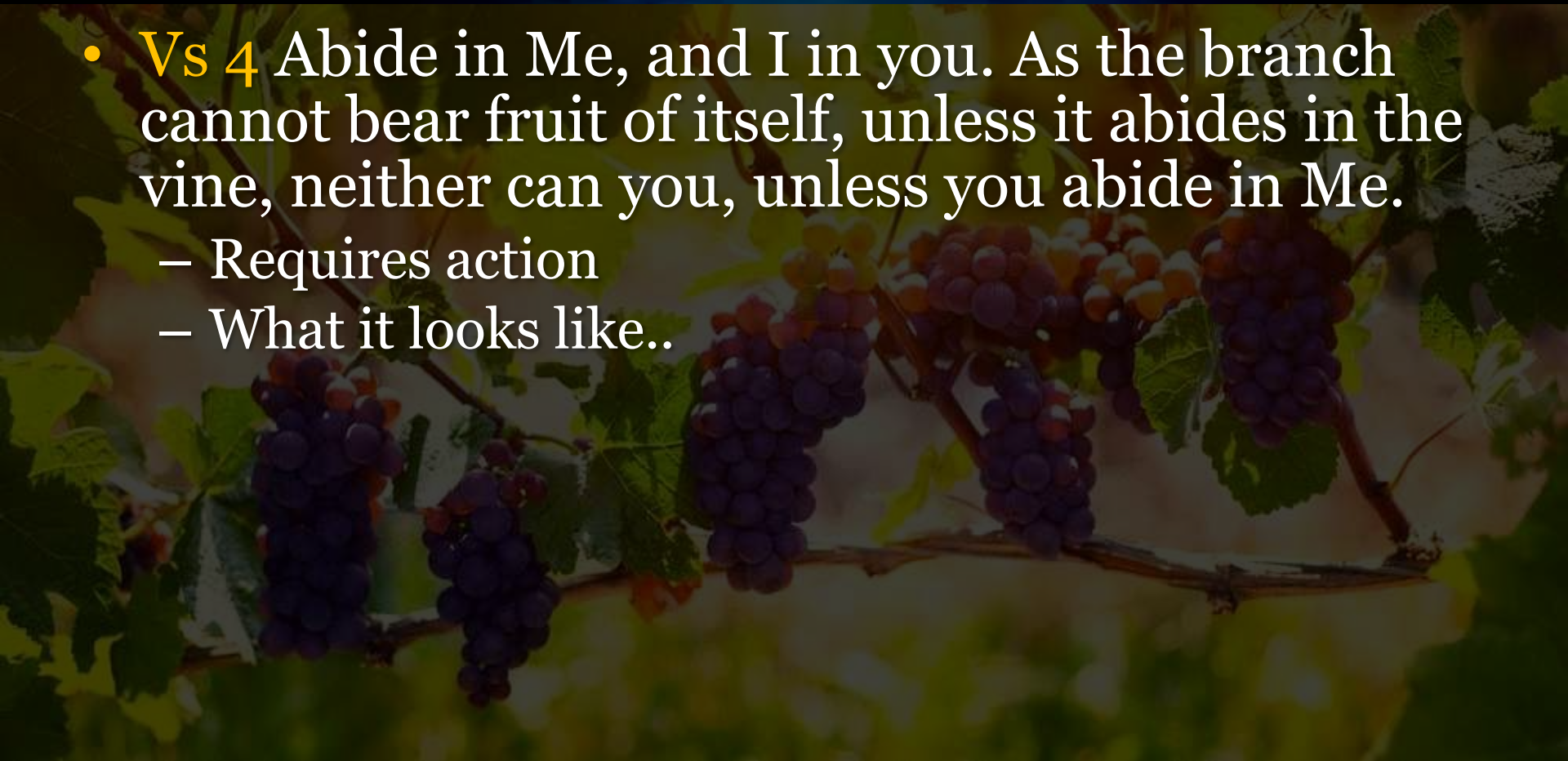
Why this metaphor?..

- Immediate possibilities..
 - Symbolism of Old Testament..
 - The Lord's Vineyard.. Psalm 80:8ff
 - Israel's failure.. Isa 5:1-7; Jer. 2:21
- I am the True Vine..
My Father the vinedresser..
You are the branches..



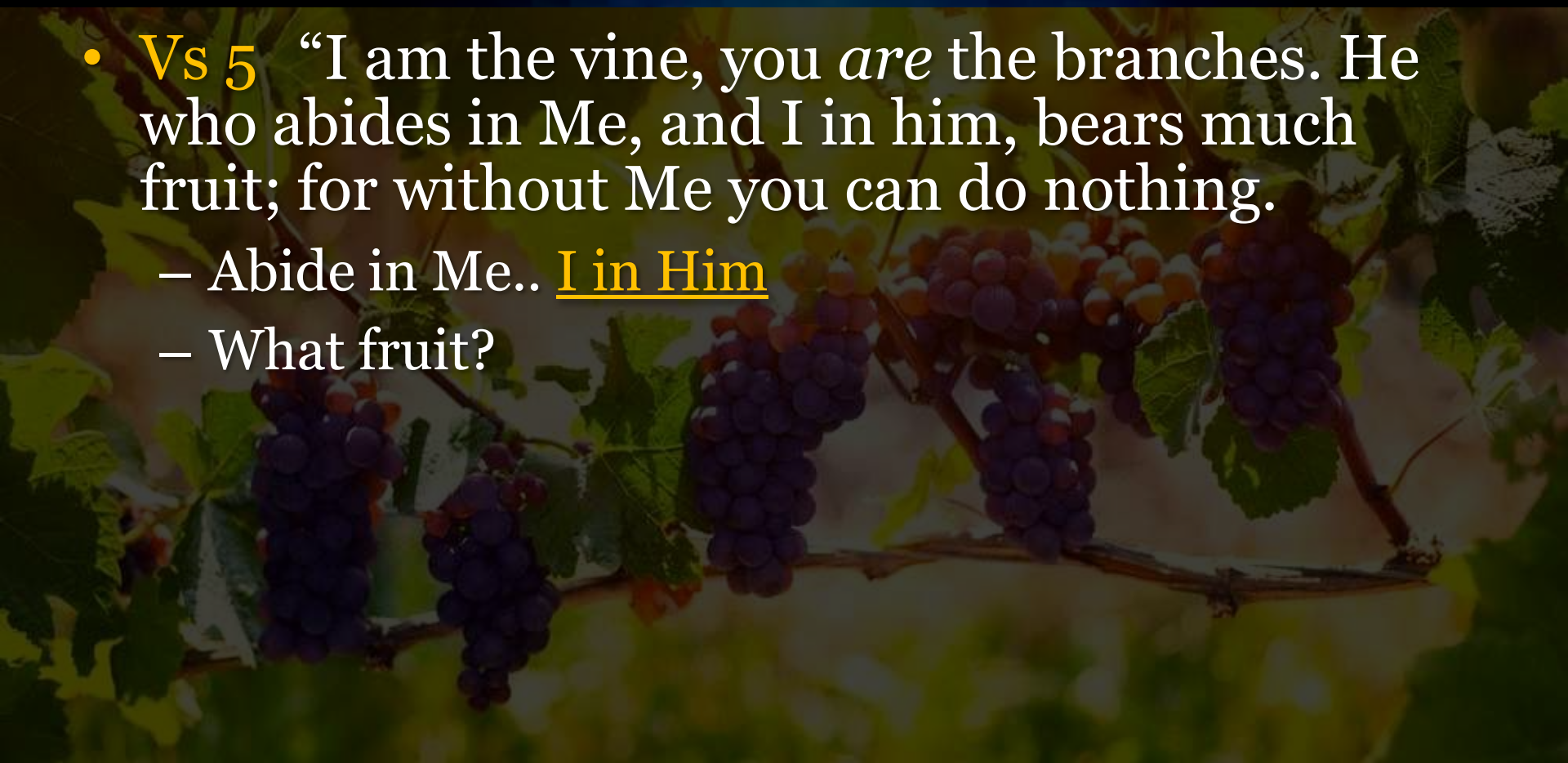
Message: Abide in the Vine..

- Vs 4 Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.
 - Requires action
 - What it looks like..



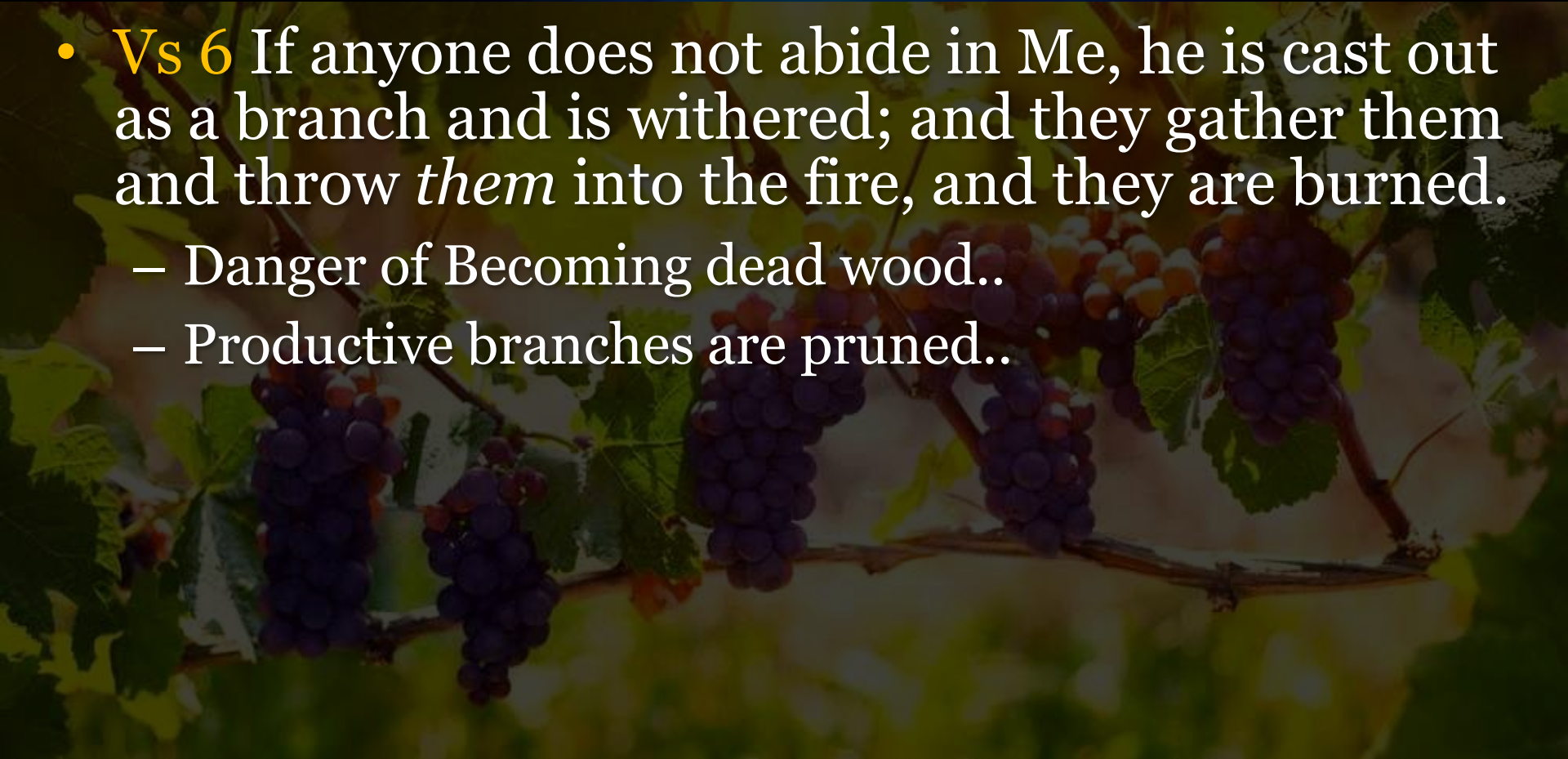
Promise: Bear godly fruit

- **Vs 5** “I am the vine, you *are* the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.
 - Abide in Me.. I in Him
 - What fruit?



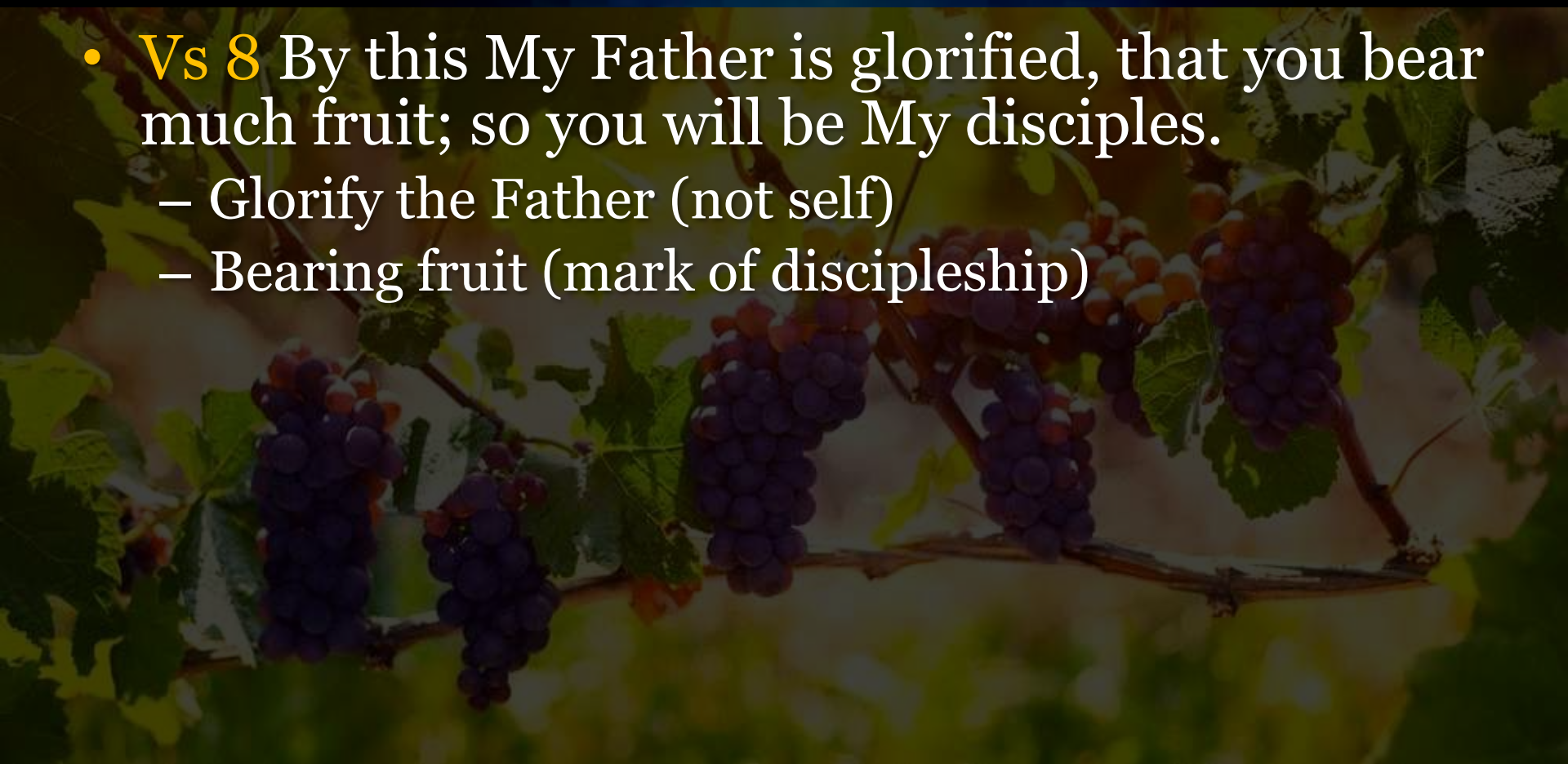
Warning: Inspection..

- Vs 6 If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw *them* into the fire, and they are burned.
 - Danger of Becoming dead wood..
 - Productive branches are pruned..



Purpose: Glorify the Father

- **Vs 8** By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.
 - Glorify the Father (not self)
 - Bearing fruit (mark of discipleship)



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