

## 09-25-2016 Disconnected presence

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#### Luke 13:22-30 (NKJV)

22 And He went through the cities and villages, teaching, and journeying toward Jerusalem.

#### Luke 13:23-30 (NKJV)

23 Then one said to Him, "Lord, are there few who are saved?" And He said to them,

#### Luke 13:24-30 (NKJV)

24 "Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I say to you, will seek to enter and will not be able.

#### Luke 13:25-30 (NKJV)

25 When once the Master of the house has risen up and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and knock at the door, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open for us,' and He will answer and say to you, 'I do not know you, where you are from,'

#### Luke 13:26-30 (NKJV)

26 then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in Your presence, and You taught in our streets.'

#### Luke 13:27-30 (NKJV)

27 But He will say, 'I tell you I do not know you, where you are from. Depart from Me, all you workers of iniquity.'

#### Luke 13:28-30 (NKJV)

28 There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves thrust out.

#### Luke 13:29-30 (NKJV)

29 They will come from the east and the west, from the north and the south, and sit down in the kingdom of God.

#### Luke 13:30 (NKJV)

30 And indeed there are last who will be first, and there are first who will be last."

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Knowing Jesus is deeper than a disconnected presence.

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Point 1- A connected Presence with Jesus requires striving.

#### Matthew 7:13-14 (HCSB)

13 "Enter through the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the road is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who go through it.

#### Matthew 7:14 (HCSB)

14 How narrow is the gate and difficult the road that leads to life, and few find it.

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Point 2- A connected Presence with Jesus involves abiding in him.

#### John 15:1-7 (HCSB)

1 "I am the true vine, and My Father is the vineyard keeper.

#### John 15:2-7 (HCSB)

2 Every branch in Me that does not produce fruit He removes, and He prunes every branch that produces fruit so that it will produce more fruit.

#### John 15:3-7 (HCSB)

3 You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you.

#### John 15:4-7 (HCSB)

4 Remain in Me, and I in you. Just as a branch is unable to produce fruit by itself unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in Me.

#### John 15:5-7 (HCSB)

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5 "I am the vine; you are the branches. The one who remains in Me and I in him produces much fruit, because you can do nothing without Me.

### **John 15:6-7 (HCSB)**

6 If anyone does not remain in Me, he is thrown aside like a branch and he withers. They gather them, throw them into the fire, and they are burned.

### **John 15:7 (HCSB)**

7 If you remain in Me and My words remain in you, ask whatever you want and it will be done for you.

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Point 3- A connected presence with Jesus is an open invitation to everyone.