

Our Fruit and God's Glory

John 15

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Fruit that glorifies God

- when our lives are used to celebrate and
advertise the Lord's magnificence

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(11) I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

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Relationship

Refinement

Reliance

John 15:1,5

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Jeremiah 2

(21) I had planted you like a choice vine...

How then did you turn against me into a corrupt, wild vine?

also: Psalm 80:8-18; Isaiah 5:1-7; Ezekiel 15, Hosea 10:1

I am the true vine

- John 15:1

Our Lord, standing among the twelve, said, “I am the true vine,” from Me shall come the fruit that shall be for the healing of the world, and the satisfaction of its need; through My ministry truth shall prevail, and humanity shall find the meeting of its need in the Kingdom of God. “I am the true vine.”

- G. Campbell Morgan

Just as Christ was fully rooted in your humanity,
He calls you to be fully rooted in His deity.

Relationship Refinement

John 15

(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.

The Gardener Knows

- where on the branch the pruning needs to take place
- how much should be pruned
- what is the best time to do the pruning

The Rose

My life, like my rose bush, is diseased. It's not nearly as beautiful and fruitful as it could be.

How can I sit and wonder why my life isn't blooming like it could be? The verse says if I allow it to be cut back I will be more fruitful. If I allow God to have His way in my life I will be more fruitful. I will thrive more than ever. I know it's the truth but it's so hard.

Every year I cut back my rose bush, and each time I do, it begins to grow back more beautiful than the time before.... I don't want to hurt it, but I don't want it to die either. ...Gotta go now, Father's waiting. We've got some pruning to do today.

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(4) Remain in me, as I also 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 you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

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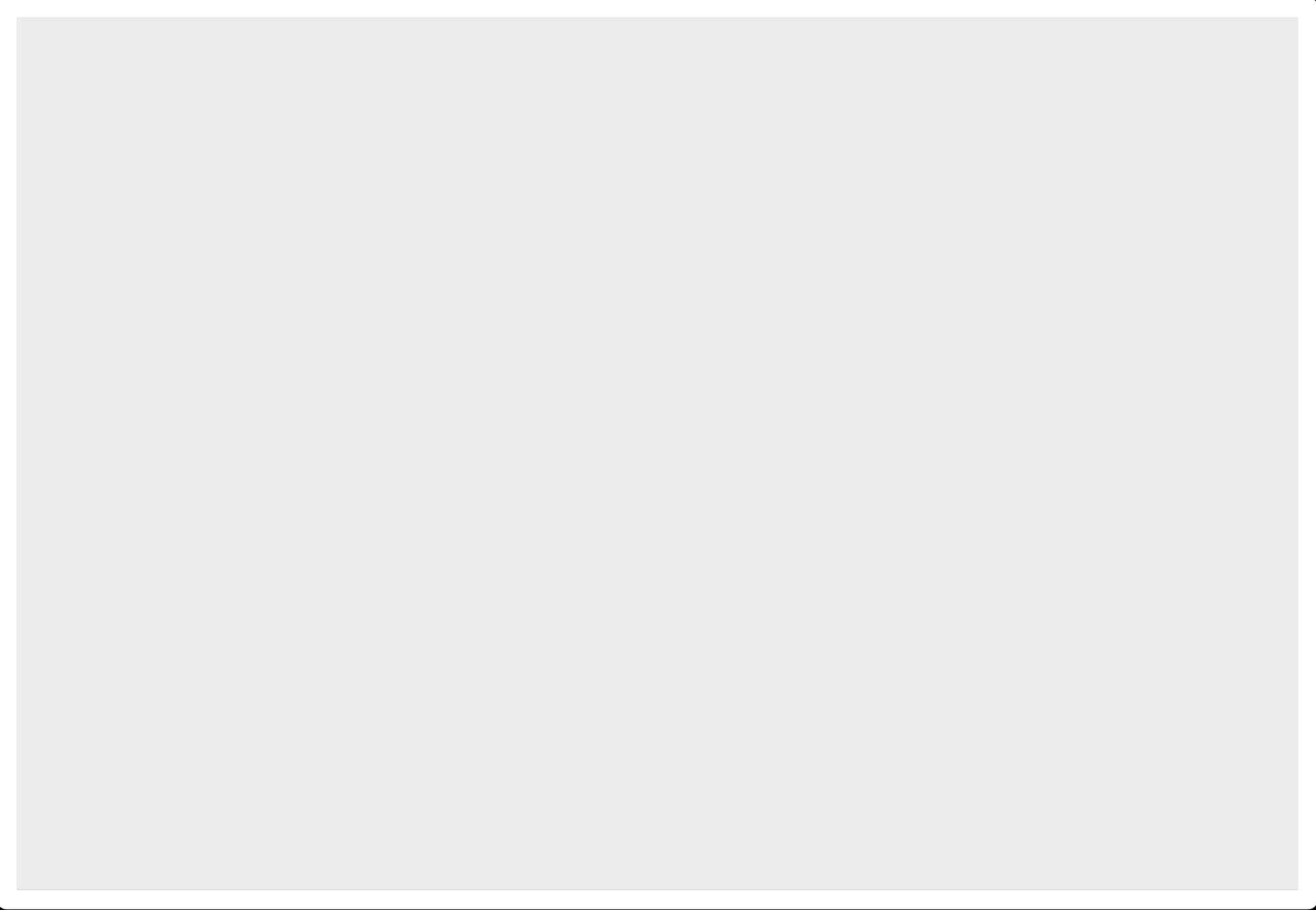
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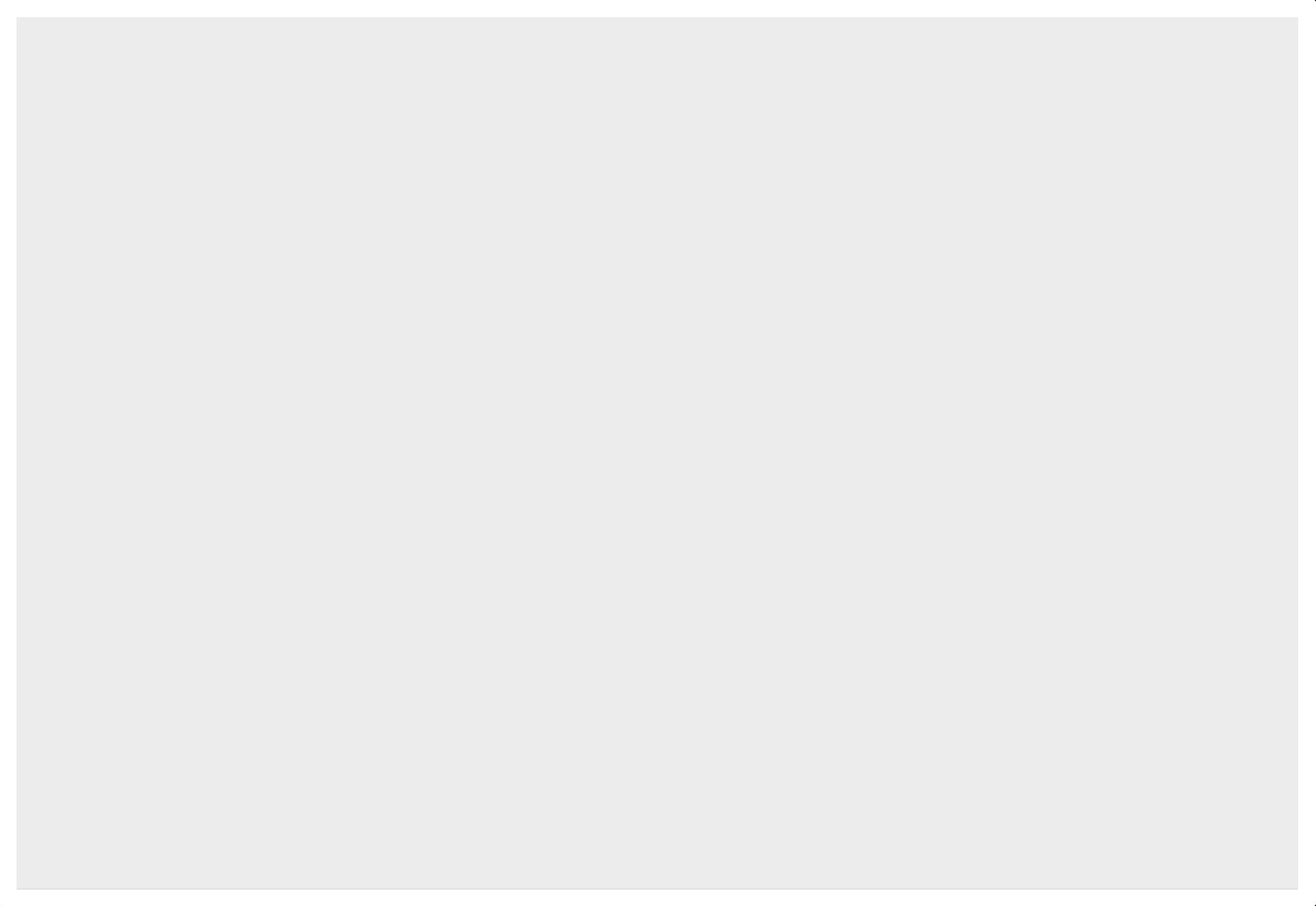
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Charles Blondin



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&

Harry Colcord

July 27, 1859

“Look up, Harry.... you are no longer Colcord, you are Blondin...be a part of me - mind, body, and soul. If I sway, sway with me. Do not attempt to do any balancing yourself. If you do, we will both go to our death.”



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- Jesus

“That feeling you are running from is called dependency
...the second you are not feeling dependent is the second
you’ve backed away from truly living by faith.”

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(7)...remain in me and my words remain in you...

I am abiding in Christ only to the degree that I am hearing and obeying the words of Christ.

John 6

(63) The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you—they are full of the Spirit and life.

John 6

“Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. (69) We have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God.”

1 John 2

(14) I write to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the evil one.

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Psalm 1

(2) his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night. (3) He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season....

I am the vine; you are the branches.
If you remain in me and I in you, you
will bear much fruit...

Lord Jesus, when I look at my life, it doesn't look much like a rose. In fact, it doesn't even look alive. I confess that I have allowed sin and the distractions of this world to stop you from growing in me.

I thank you that you died on the cross and rose from the grave in order to take away my sin and give me new life. Please come into my heart and do what is necessary to transform my life to become the rose God desires it to be.