

Remaining Strong in Faith

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*"I am the vine, you are the branches.
He who lives in me and I in him, will produce abundantly,
for apart from me you can do nothing."
John 15:5*



All plants and trees require sunlight, water and nutrients from the soil in order to grow. This is also true with regards to our spiritual life – our growth will depend on whether we are getting our spiritual food from the Source of Life – Jesus. So even in the times of drought or times of testing, we still remain strong in our faith in God.

It is our responsibility as believers to spend time with our Creator in prayer, in reading His words through the Bible, through communion with fellow believers and through service. If we dwell with Him, we will eventually bear the fruits of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. The extent of our fruitfulness is directly related to our faithfulness. If we are faithful to Him and His works, He will allow us to grow abundantly, full of blessings and graces.

I have been serving God for more than 32 years now, but still God keeps pruning away my pride and sinful habits that hinders my walk with Him. I made the decision to change and offered myself to God constantly. He reminds us that apart from Him we can do nothing - which is another way of saying that with Him we can do all things.

I encourage everyone to make a decision to abide in God so that together, we will grow in our walk with the Lord.

