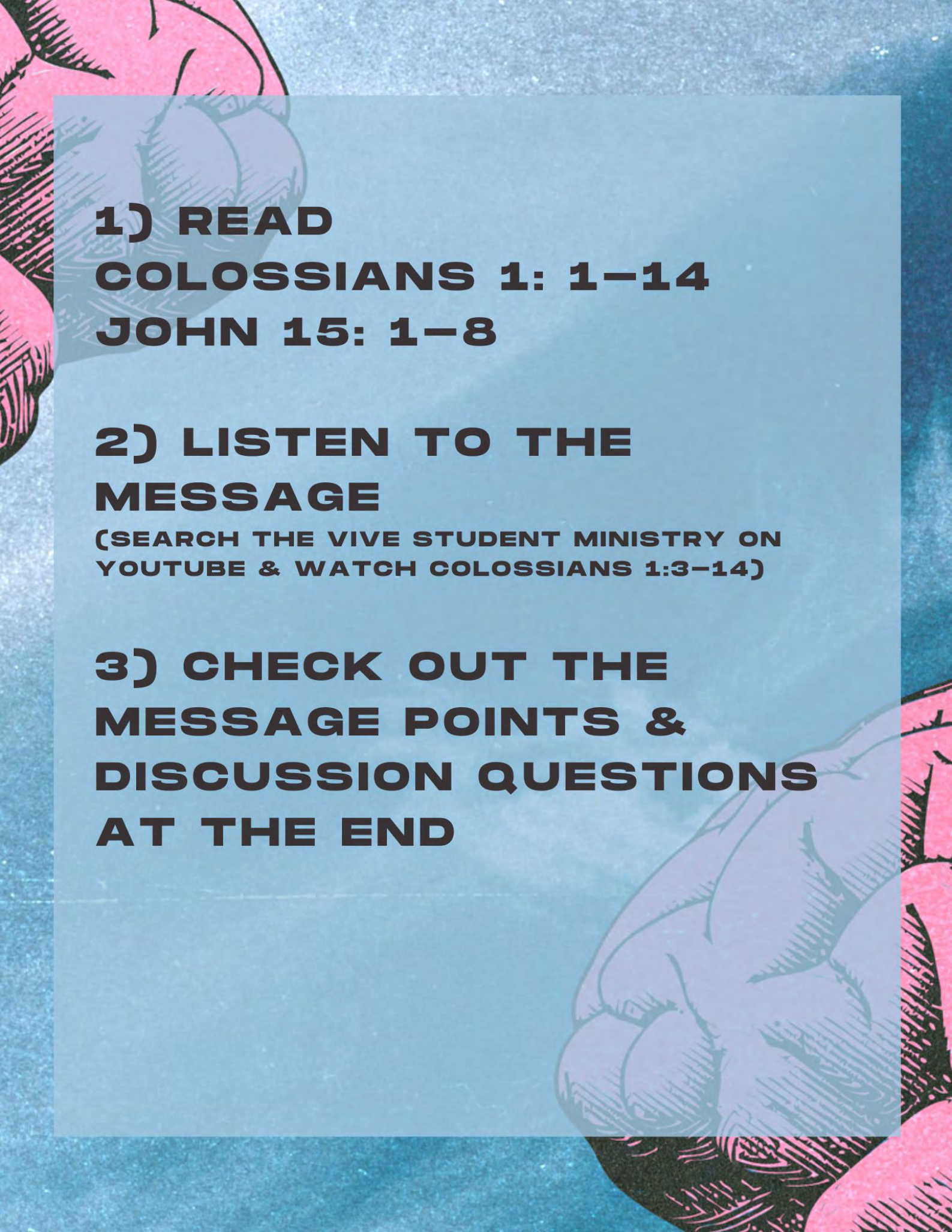




COLOSSIANS



**1) READ
COLOSSIANS 1: 1-14
JOHN 15: 1-8**

**2) LISTEN TO THE
MESSAGE**

**(SEARCH THE VIVE STUDENT MINISTRY ON
YOUTUBE & WATCH COLOSSIANS 1:3-14)**

**3) CHECK OUT THE
MESSAGE POINTS &
DISCUSSION QUESTIONS
AT THE END**



**FIRST OFF, WHY ARE THERE BRAINS
IN YOUR SERMON SERIES GRAPHIC?
WE ARE GLAD YOU ASKED :)**

**COLOSSIANS 3:1-3 CSB
SO IF YOU HAVE BEEN
RAISED WITH CHRIST, SEEK
THE THINGS ABOVE, WHERE
CHRIST IS, SEATED AT THE
RIGHT HAND OF GOD.**

**[2] SET YOUR MINDS ON
THINGS ABOVE, NOT ON
EARTHLY THINGS. [3] FOR
YOU DIED, AND YOUR LIFE IS
HIDDEN WITH CHRIST IN GOD.**

**EVERYTHING WE DO FROM THE SONGS WE
CHOOSE TO THE SERMON SERIES GRAPHICS
WE CREATE HAS INTENTION BEHIND IT &
WAS CHOSEN FOR A PURPOSE**

BACKGROUND | CONTEXT

CITY OF COLOSSE WAS LOCATED ABOUT 120 MILES FROM EPHESUS

EPAPHRAS WAS THE FIRST TO BRING THE GOSPEL TO THOSE OF COLOSSE (1:7) AND MOST LIKELY RECEIVED CHRIST DURING PAUL'S 3 YEAR MINISTRY IN EPHESUS & THEN WENT BACK TO COLOSSE AND STARTED A CHURCH

**PAUL WAS IMPRISONED IN ROME AD 60-62
PAUL TAUGHT IN EPHESUS AD 53-56**

EPAPHRAS STARTS A CHURCH IN COLOSSE & ISSUES EVENTUALLY ARISE (MANY DIFFERENT BELIEF SYSTEMS & WORLDVIEWS MIXED IN COLOSSE THAT WEREN'T BIBLICAL OR GOSPEL CENTERED..JEWISH LEGALISM, GENTILE WILD LIVING & MYSTICISM) SO EPAPHRAS VISITS PAUL DURING HIS HOUSE ARREST AND SEEKS SPIRITUAL ADVICE AND GUIDANCE FROM PAUL.

THIS IS A LETTER WRITTEN FROM PAUL & TIMOTHY IN RESPONSE TO THE ISSUES EPAPHRAS BROUGHT BEFORE HIM.

COLOSSIANS

MAIN POINTS

BEARING FRUIT: OUTWARD ACTION RESULTING FROM AN INNER CHANGE (CHRIST CENTERED CHANGE)

FRUIT IS THE EVIDENCE OF CHRIST WORKING IN YOU. IF THERE IS NO FRUIT IN YOUR LIFE, THERE IS NO CHRIST IN YOUR LIFE.

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GOOD WORKS, AND SPIRITUAL FRUIT ARE NOT WHAT SAVES YOU BUT IT IS RATHER EVIDENCE OF ONE'S SALVATION.

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COLOSSIANS 1:3–5 NLT

WE ALWAYS PRAY FOR YOU, AND WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD, THE FATHER OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST. [4] FOR WE HAVE HEARD OF YOUR FAITH IN CHRIST JESUS AND YOUR LOVE FOR ALL OF GOD'S PEOPLE, [5] WHICH COME FROM YOUR CONFIDENT HOPE OF WHAT GOD HAS RESERVED FOR YOU IN HEAVEN. YOU HAVE HAD THIS EXPECTATION EVER SINCE YOU FIRST HEARD THE TRUTH OF THE GOOD NEWS.

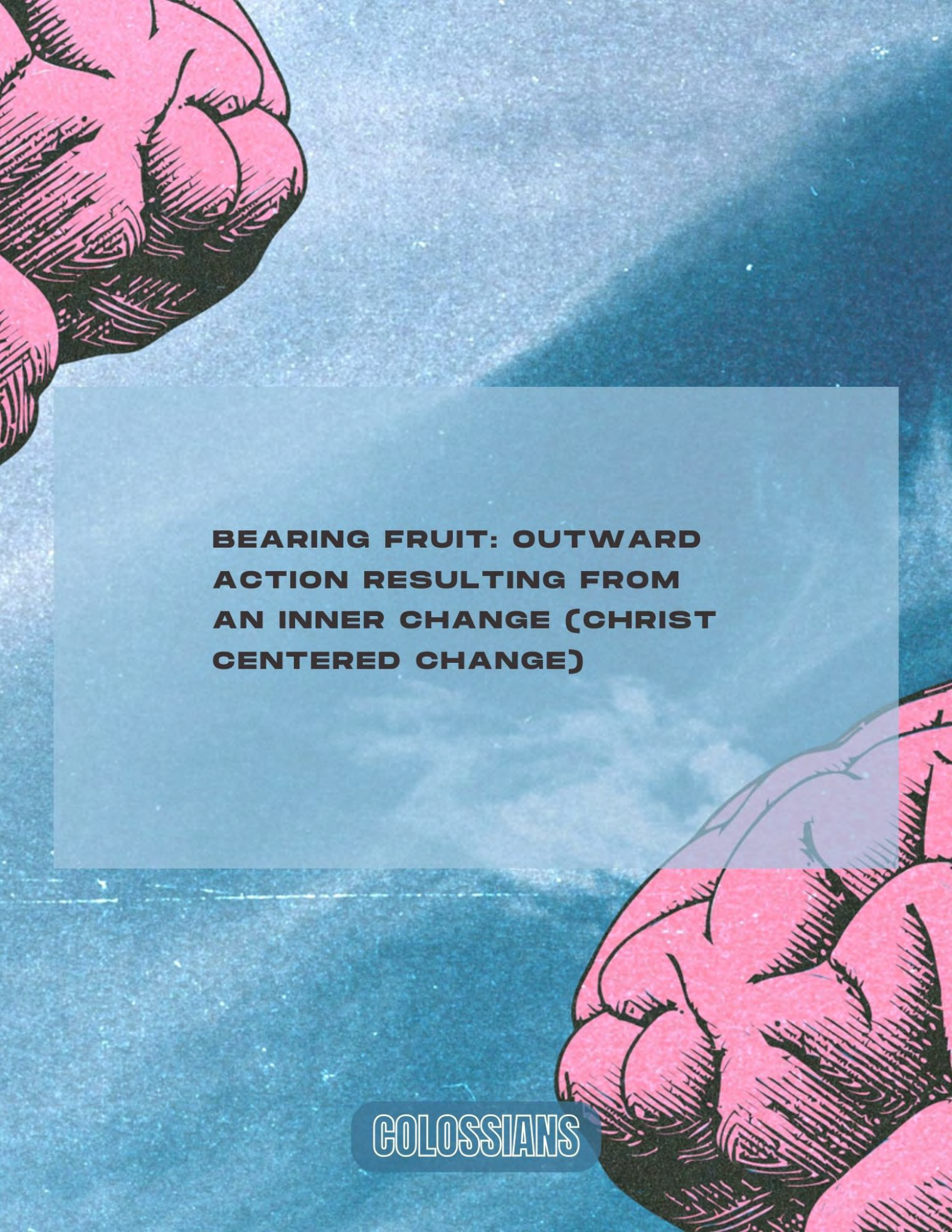
COLOSSIANS



COLOSSIANS 1:6 NLT

THIS SAME GOOD NEWS THAT CAME TO YOU IS GOING OUT ALL OVER THE WORLD. IT IS BEARING FRUIT EVERYWHERE BY CHANGING LIVES, JUST AS IT CHANGED YOUR LIVES FROM THE DAY YOU FIRST HEARD AND UNDERSTOOD THE TRUTH ABOUT GOD'S WONDERFUL GRACE.

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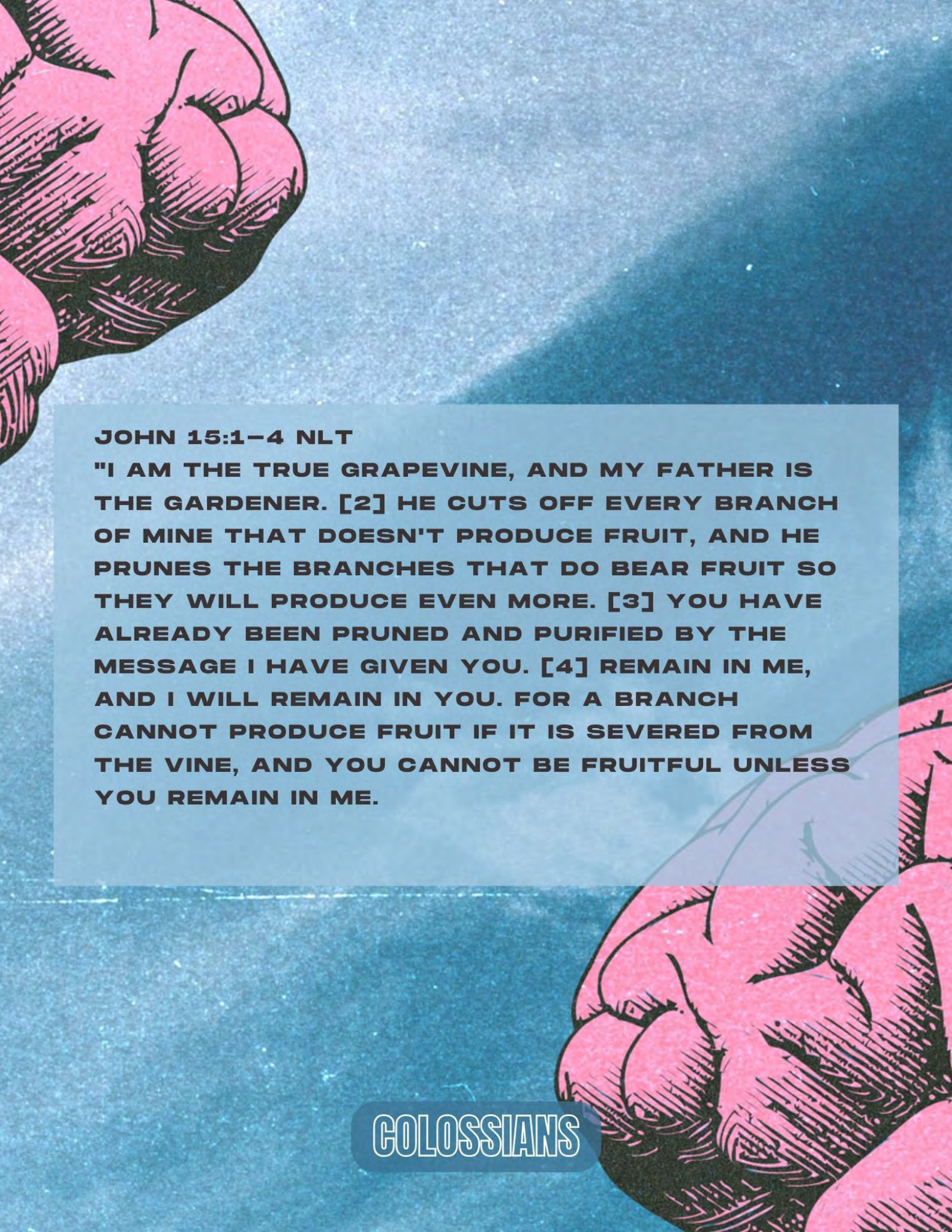
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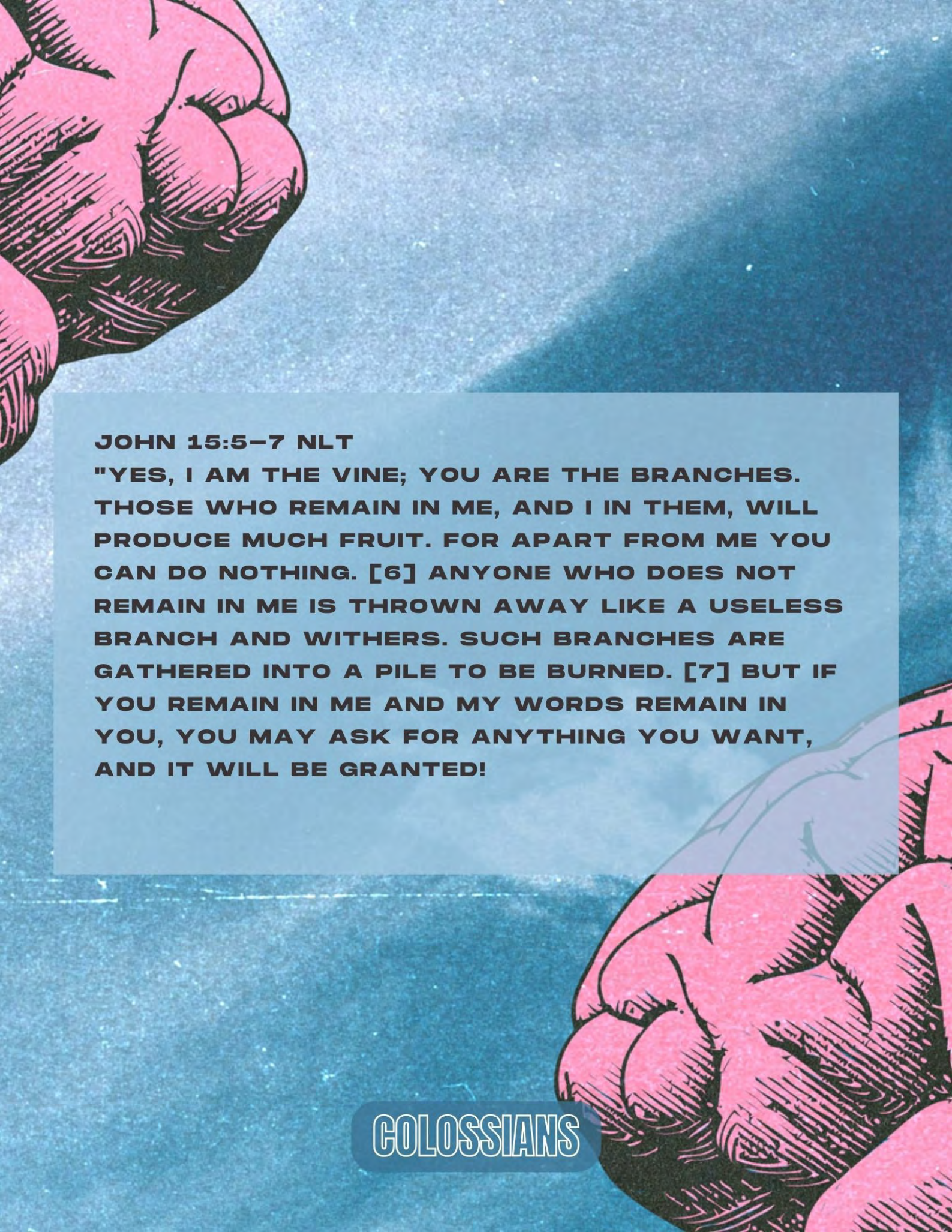
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JOHN 15:1-4 NLT

"I AM THE TRUE GRAPEVINE, AND MY FATHER IS THE GARDENER. [2] HE CUTS OFF EVERY BRANCH OF MINE THAT DOESN'T PRODUCE FRUIT, AND HE PRUNES THE BRANCHES THAT DO BEAR FRUIT SO THEY WILL PRODUCE EVEN MORE. [3] YOU HAVE ALREADY BEEN PRUNED AND PURIFIED BY THE MESSAGE I HAVE GIVEN YOU. [4] REMAIN IN ME, AND I WILL REMAIN IN YOU. FOR A BRANCH CANNOT PRODUCE FRUIT IF IT IS SEVERED FROM THE VINE, AND YOU CANNOT BE FRUITFUL UNLESS YOU REMAIN IN ME.

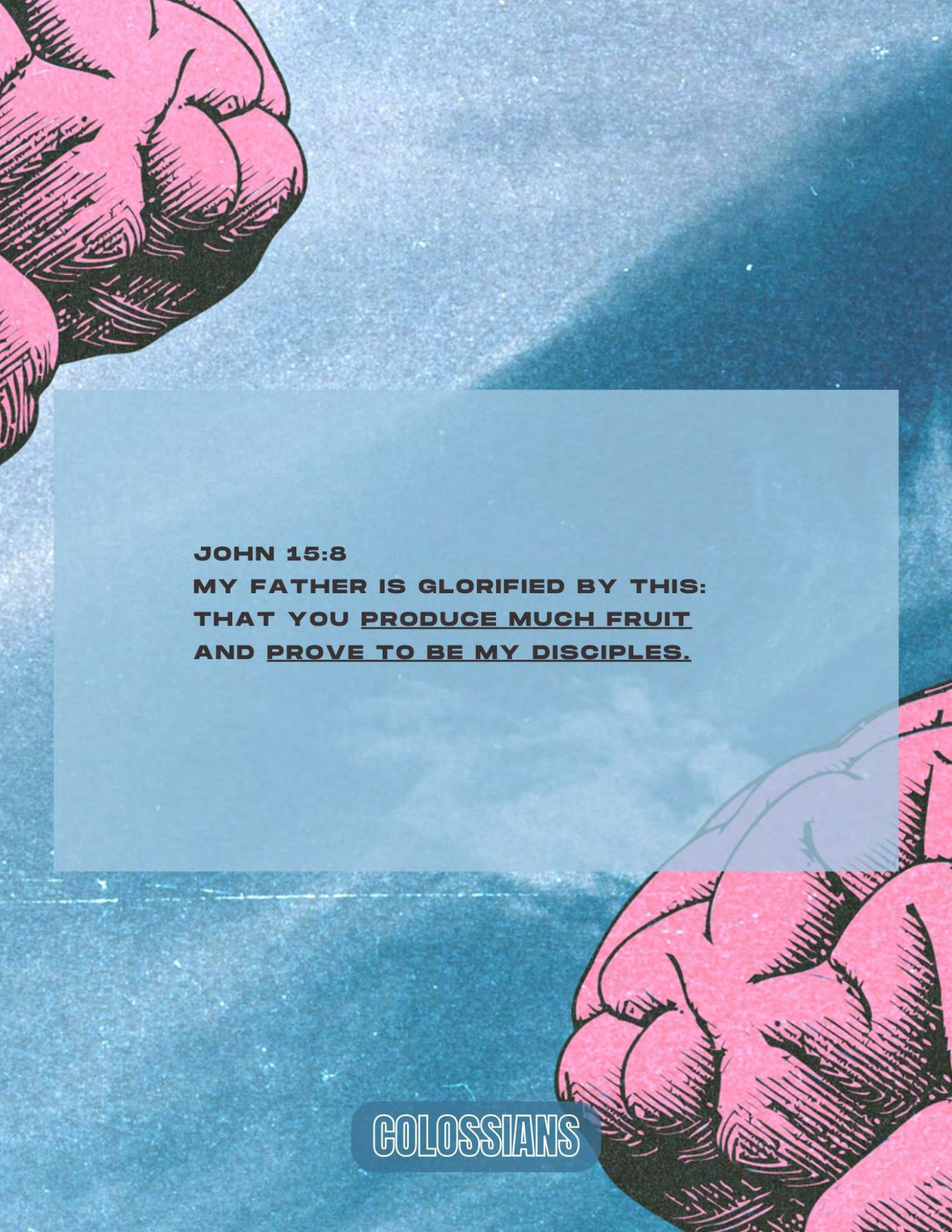
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JOHN 15:5-7 NLT

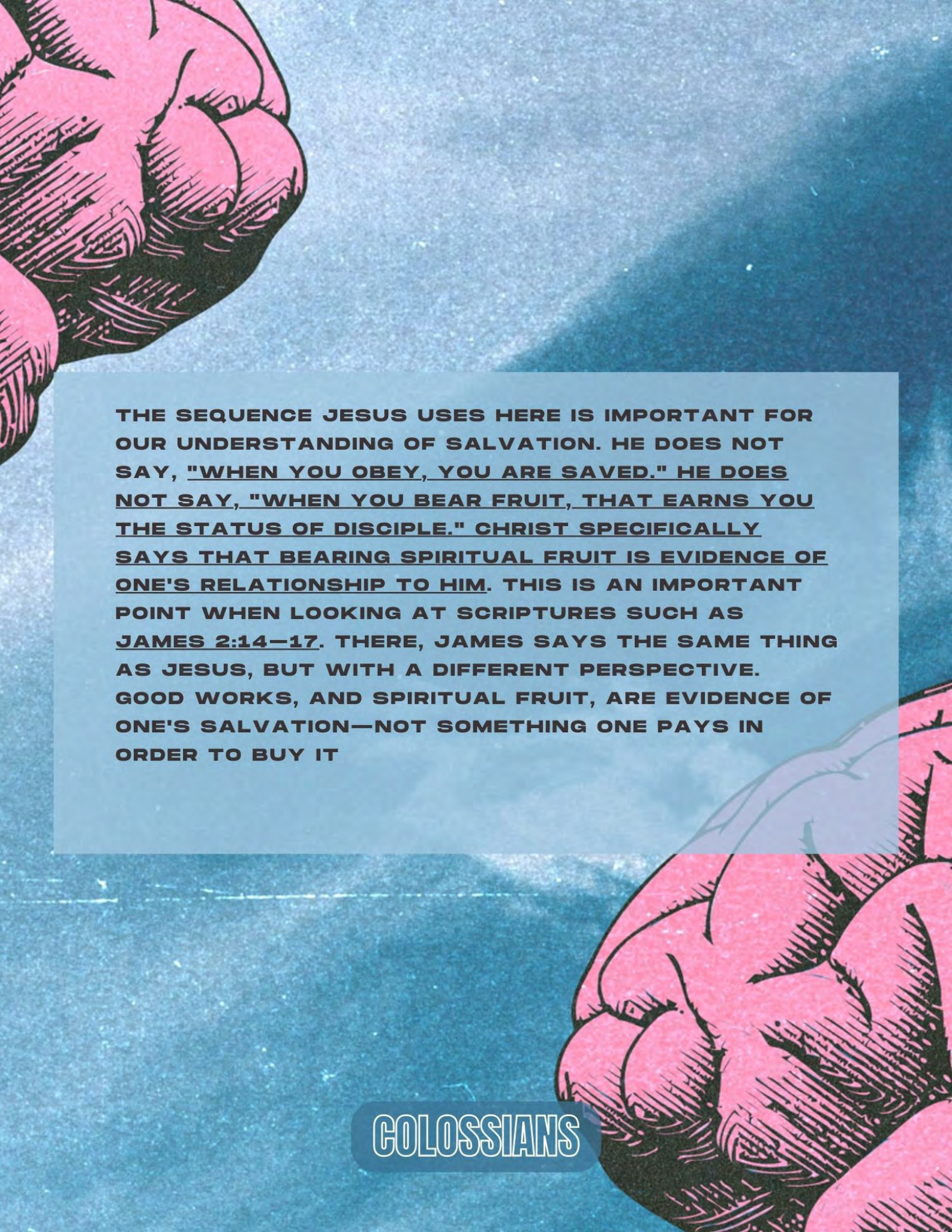
"YES, I AM THE VINE; YOU ARE THE BRANCHES. THOSE WHO REMAIN IN ME, AND I IN THEM, WILL PRODUCE MUCH FRUIT. FOR APART FROM ME YOU CAN DO NOTHING. [6] ANYONE WHO DOES NOT REMAIN IN ME IS THROWN AWAY LIKE A USELESS BRANCH AND WITHERS. SUCH BRANCHES ARE GATHERED INTO A PILE TO BE BURNED. [7] BUT IF YOU REMAIN IN ME AND MY WORDS REMAIN IN YOU, YOU MAY ASK FOR ANYTHING YOU WANT, AND IT WILL BE GRANTED!"

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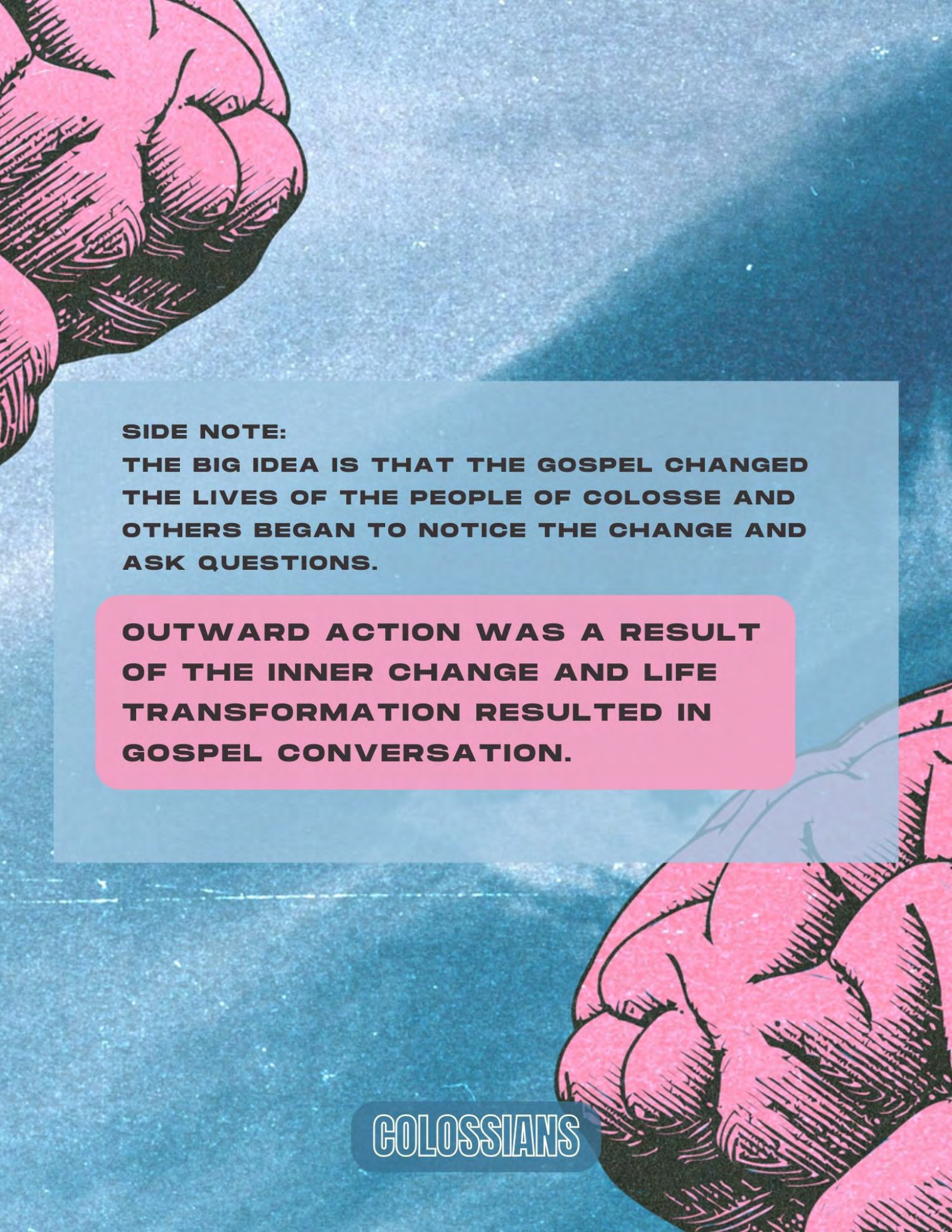
JOHN 15:8
MY FATHER IS GLORIFIED BY THIS:
THAT YOU PRODUCE MUCH FRUIT
AND PROVE TO BE MY DISCIPLES.

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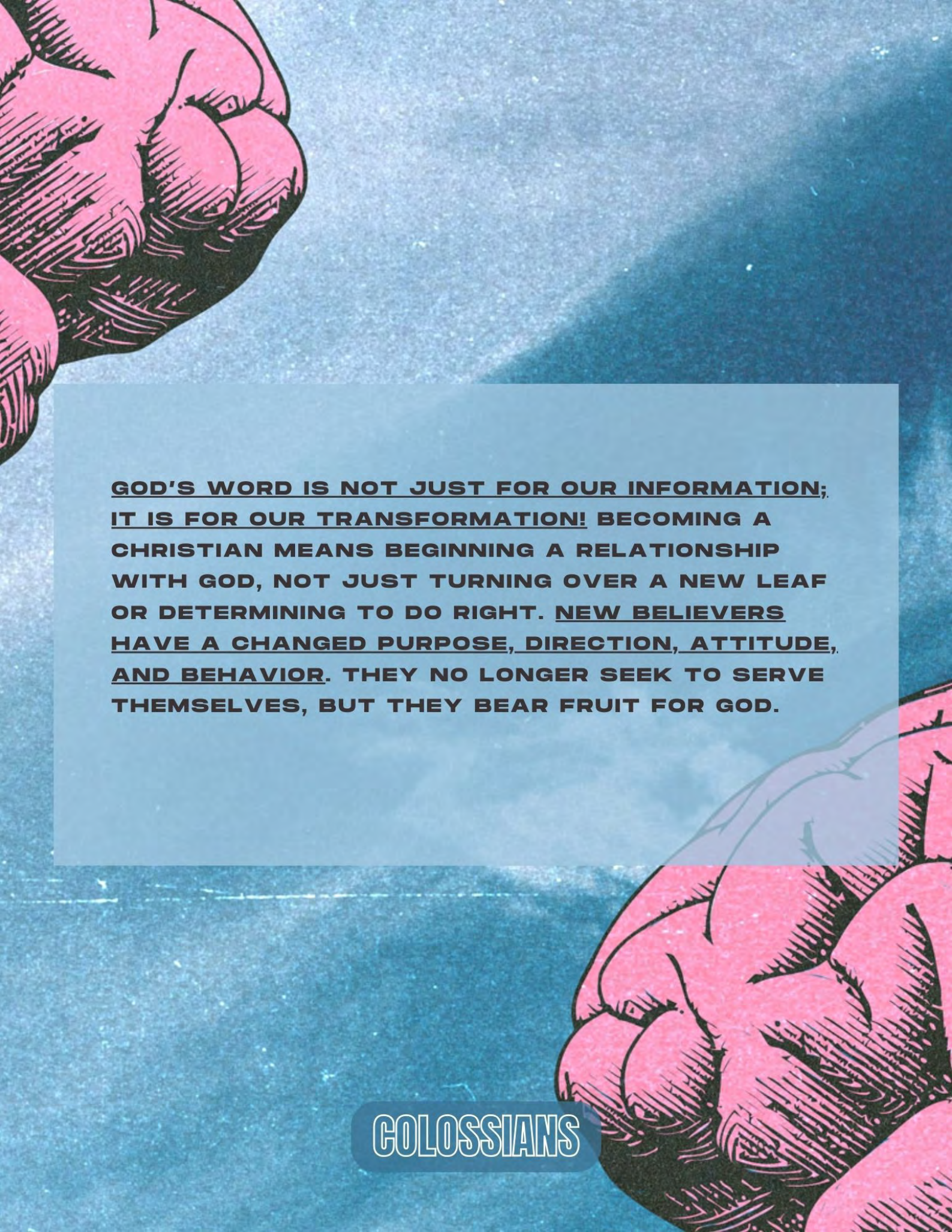


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**GOD'S WORD IS NOT JUST FOR OUR INFORMATION;
IT IS FOR OUR TRANSFORMATION! BECOMING A
CHRISTIAN MEANS BEGINNING A RELATIONSHIP
WITH GOD, NOT JUST TURNING OVER A NEW LEAF
OR DETERMINING TO DO RIGHT. NEW BELIEVERS
HAVE A CHANGED PURPOSE, DIRECTION, ATTITUDE,
AND BEHAVIOR. THEY NO LONGER SEEK TO SERVE
THEMSELVES, BUT THEY BEAR FRUIT FOR GOD.**

COLOSSIANS



COLOSSIANS 1:7–8 NLT

[7] YOU LEARNED ABOUT THE GOOD NEWS FROM EPAPHRAS, OUR BELOVED CO-WORKER. HE IS CHRIST'S FAITHFUL SERVANT, AND HE IS HELPING US ON YOUR BEHALF. [8] HE HAS TOLD US ABOUT THE LOVE FOR OTHERS THAT THE HOLY SPIRIT HAS GIVEN YOU.

COLOSSIANS



COLOSSIANS 1:9–10 NLT

SO WE HAVE NOT STOPPED PRAYING FOR YOU SINCE WE FIRST HEARD ABOUT YOU. WE ASK GOD TO GIVE YOU COMPLETE KNOWLEDGE OF HIS WILL AND TO GIVE YOU SPIRITUAL WISDOM AND UNDERSTANDING. [10] THEN THE WAY YOU LIVE WILL ALWAYS HONOR AND PLEASE THE LORD, AND YOUR LIVES WILL PRODUCE EVERY KIND OF GOOD FRUIT. ALL THE WHILE, YOU WILL GROW AS YOU LEARN TO KNOW GOD BETTER AND BETTER.

COLOSSIANS



COLOSSIANS 1:11–14 NLT

WE ALSO PRAY THAT YOU WILL BE STRENGTHENED WITH ALL HIS GLORIOUS POWER SO YOU WILL HAVE ALL THE ENDURANCE AND PATIENCE YOU NEED. MAY YOU BE FILLED WITH JOY, [12] ALWAYS THANKING THE FATHER. HE HAS ENABLED YOU TO SHARE IN THE INHERITANCE THAT BELONGS TO HIS PEOPLE, WHO LIVE IN THE LIGHT. [13] FOR HE HAS RESCUED US FROM THE KINGDOM OF DARKNESS AND TRANSFERRED US INTO THE KINGDOM OF HIS DEAR SON, [14] WHO PURCHASED OUR FREEDOM AND FORGAVE OUR SINS.

COLOSSIANS

COLOSSIANS 1: 3-14

DISCUSSION

WHAT WAS SAID ABOUT THE PEOPLE OF THE COLOSSIAN CHURCH? (HINT: PAUL WAS THANKFUL FOR HEARING THIS ABOUT THEM (VS 4))

COULD THE SAME BE SAID ABOUT YOUR CHURCH & YOUR OWN LIFE?

WHO FIRST SHARED THE GOSPEL WITH THE COLOSSIANS? HOW DID THIS IMPACT THEIR LIVES & THOSE AROUND THEM?

SPIRITUALLY, WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BEAR FRUIT? WHY IS BEARING FRUIT IMPORTANT?

DOES BEARING FRUIT SAVE YOU? WHY OR NOT?

CAN YOU RECEIVE JESUS AS LORD AND NOT BEAR FRUIT? (JOHN 15) WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE IN WORKS FROM SALVATION (BIBLICAL) & WORKS FOR SALVATION (NON-BIBLICAL) ?

WHAT PRAYER DID PAUL PRAY OVER THE COLOSSIAN CHURCH? (COL. 1:9-14) WHAT DID PAUL SAY WOULD BE A RESULT OF LIVING OUT THAT PRAYER?

COLOSSIANS

PERSONAL DISCUSSION

WHAT CONVICTED YOU, CHALLENGED YOU, OR STOOD OUT TO YOU PERSONALLY FROM THE MESSAGE OR FROM COLOSSIANS 1:3-14 & JOHN 15:1-8

IF PAUL WROTE A LETTER ABOUT YOUR FAITH IN CHRIST, WHAT WOULD BE WRITTEN?

HOW HAS THE GOSPEL | JESUS CHANGED YOUR LIFE?

CAN OTHERS AROUND YOU TELL YOUR LIFE IS BEING CHANGED BY CHRIST?

ARE YOU BEARING FRUIT?

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO UNDERSTAND SALVATION DOESN'T COME BECAUSE OF OUR WORKS BUT RATHER IT IS A RESULT OF OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST?

HOW ARE YOU GROWING IN YOUR FAITH?

WHERE IS GOD AT WORK THE MOST IN YOUR OWN LIFE?

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SIDE NOTE ADVICE

COLOSSIANS 1:9–14 IS A GREAT PASSAGE TO MEMORIZE AND PRAY OVER YOUR LIFE

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