



Where Do You Turn?

John 15:1-8(NIV): "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. 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. You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. *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. 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. If you do not *remain* in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. If you *remain in me and my words remain in you*, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

My attention can wander without my relationship with Jesus being severed.

Returning my attention to God does not create God's presence. It reawakens my awareness of God's presence.

Psalms 80:19(NLT): "Turn us again to yourself, O Lord God... Make your face shine down upon us. Only then will we be saved."

We turn ordinary moments into sacred moments when we return our attention to Jesus and his words.

Deuteronomy 6:7-9(NLT): "Talk about them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up. Tie them to your hands and wear them on your forehead as reminders. Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates."

The doorpost is the threshold of ordinary life.

It is where you leave.

It is where you return.

It marks the everyday traffic of your life.

2 Kings 5:13(NIV): "'...if the prophet had told you to do *some great thing*, would you not have done it? How much more, then, when he tells you, 'Wash and be cleansed!'"

We can undermine our hope for a deep and meaningful relationship with God by mostly looking for the wow.

Show me what captures your attention every day, and I'll show you who you are becoming.

This week, choose ONE ordinary moment in your day to return to Jesus.

1 Corinthians 11:24(NLT): "Do this in remembrance of me."

All scriptures referenced are from the New International Version (NIV) translation of the Bible unless otherwise indicated.