



Ten Signs of Discipleship



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Adventist[®] Church

PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE

Faith
in **Action**

The image features the letters 'VBS' in a large, bold, 3D font. The letters are a bright yellow color with a white highlight on the top surface, giving them a three-dimensional appearance. They are set against a dark teal background. The letters are positioned on a horizontal branch with several green leaves. A small white starburst is located on the right side of the 'S'.

VBS

Join us this Summer

BIBLE STUDY INTEREST CARDS

Our Gift to you:

FREE Bible Study Guides

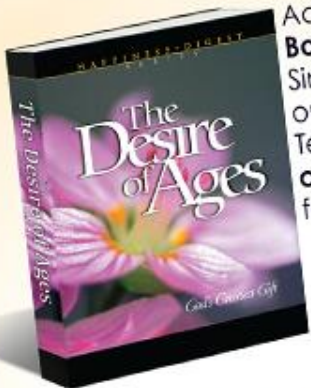
Have you ever wanted to understand the Bible for yourself? Really understand it? There **are** answers, and you **can** understand the Bible.



A Gift For You!



You might just want to look inside.



Act now and receive a **Special Bonus Book: "The Desire of Ages"** Single volume commentary on the Gospels—The New Testament will **come alive** for you!



Special Gift

JUST FOR YOU...



Don't wait! Don't miss this wonderful opportunity!

A close-up photograph of a person's hands clasped in prayer, resting on their chest. The person is wearing a dark grey, textured sweater. The background is dark and out of focus. The lighting is soft, highlighting the texture of the sweater and the skin of the hands.

Pray for my five

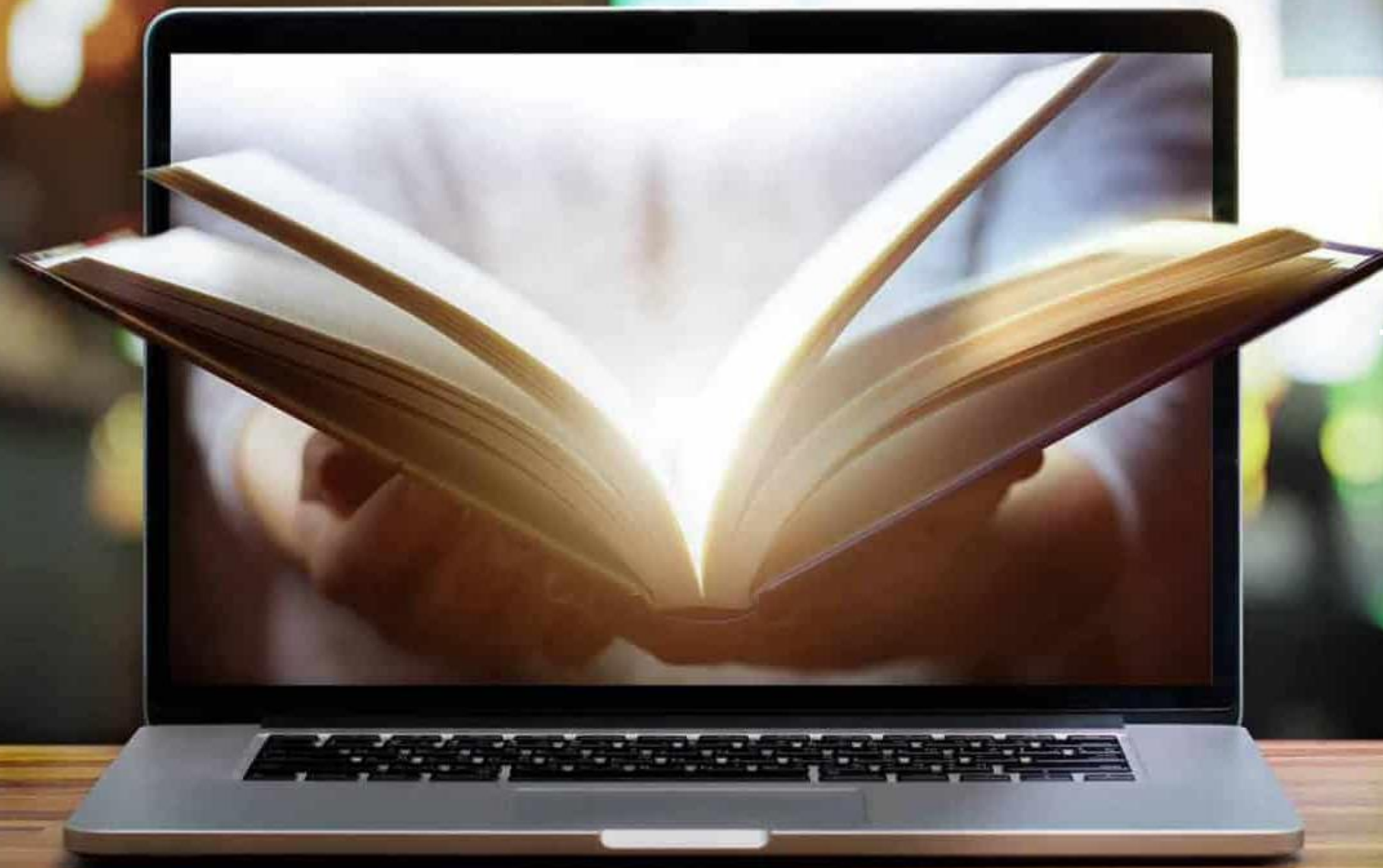
Sunday, March
28th at 5:30PM

Meeting with
potential
pastor



Online Prayer Meeting

Tuesdays
at 7PM



Call in Prayer Meeting



1 (646) 558 - 8656

Meeting ID: **241 640 7841** and then press #

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Revelation 12:10

Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, “Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down.

Revelation 12:11

And they overcame him by the **blood of the Lamb** and by the **word of their testimony**, and they did not love their loves to death.

What is a Disciple?



WHAT IS A DISCIPLE

The Greek word means pupil or student. It is a word frequently used in the New Testament and it describes a conscious decision to follow a teacher or a group. Basically, in ancient times a disciple was like an apprentice.

John 8:31

If you abide in My Word, you are My
disciples indeed.

Mark 3:13-14

13 And He went up on the mountain and called to *Him* those He Himself wanted. And they came to Him.

14 Then He appointed twelve, that they might be with Him and that He might send them out to preach,

Mark 3:15

and to have power to heal sicknesses
and to cast out demons

.....

Being a disciple of Jesus means:

- Being called by Jesus,
- Being with Him,
- Being empowered and sent out by Him to preach the Gospel.



Preach is not
limited to
preaching



A disciple is
anyone who
follows Jesus



John 15:1-12



John 15:1

“I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser.

FIRST SIGN

A disciple of
Jesus is called
to fellowship
with Him.



John 15:4

Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.

John 15:5

“I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.

John 15:6

If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw *them* into the fire, and they are burned.

John 15:7

If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.

John 15:8

By this *My Father* is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be *My disciples*.

John 15:9

“As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love.

John 15:10

If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love.



A disciple of
Jesus is called
to fellowship
with Him.





Jesus clearly describes that we can abide in Him and that He wants to abide in us.

John 15:2

Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every *branch* that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit.

YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH

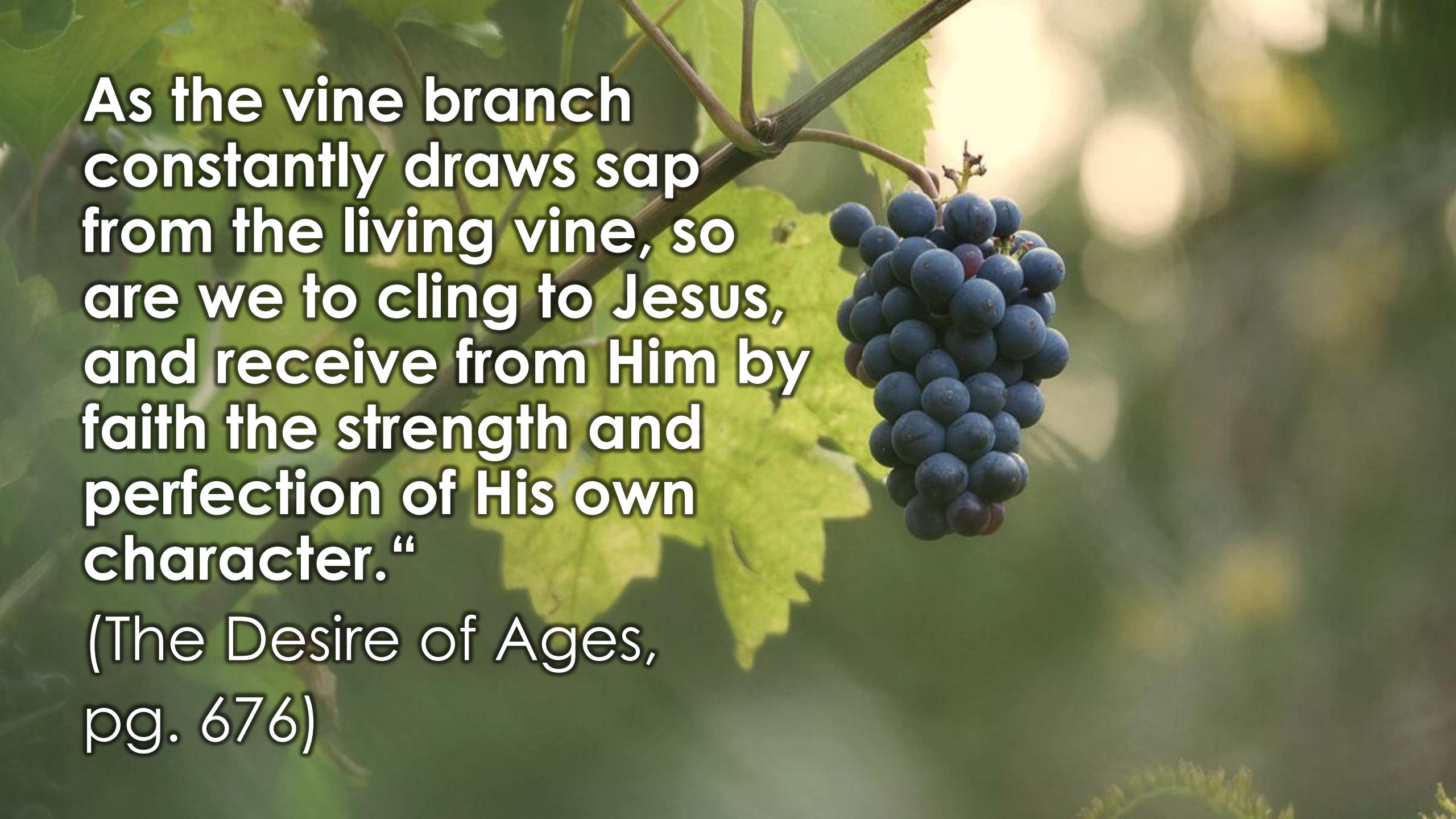
JESUS

CHRIST



...Abiding in Christ means a constant receiving of His Spirit, a life of unreserved surrender to His service. The channel of communication must be open continually between man and his God.





**As the vine branch
constantly draws sap
from the living vine, so
are we to cling to Jesus,
and receive from Him by
faith the strength and
perfection of His own
character.”**

(The Desire of Ages,
pg. 676)

SECOND SIGN

A disciple has
experienced
forgiveness of
sins and
justification by
faith.



John 15:3

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

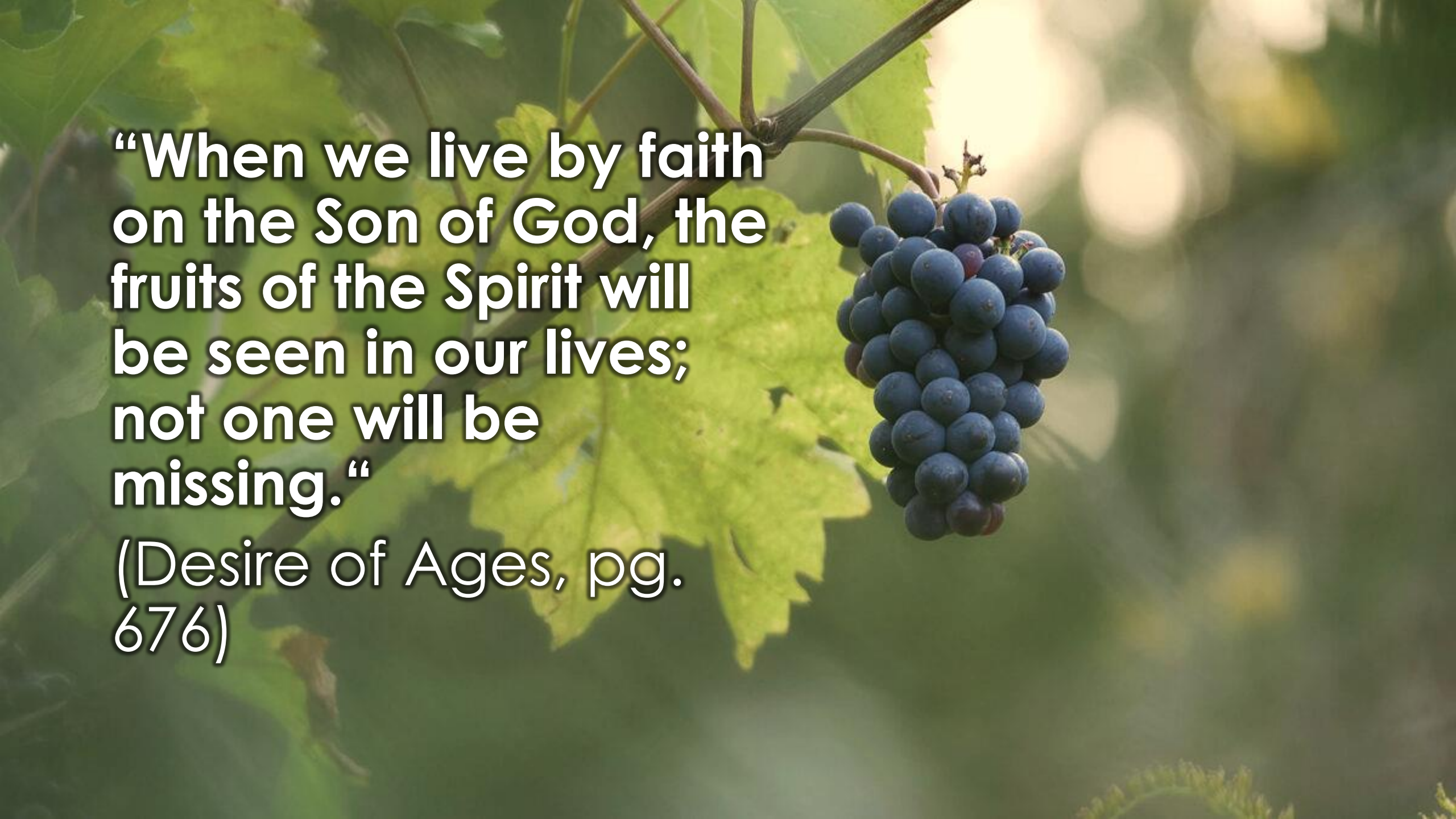
THIRD SIGN

A Disciple of Jesus
bears fruit.
Through his life
and words the
believer testifies
to the changing
power of Jesus
Christ.



When we are
separated
from Him, we
can do
nothing.





**“When we live by faith
on the Son of God, the
fruits of the Spirit will
be seen in our lives;
not one will be
missing.”**

**(Desire of Ages, pg.
676)**

FOURTH SIGN

A disciple of
Jesus lives
according to
the word of
God.

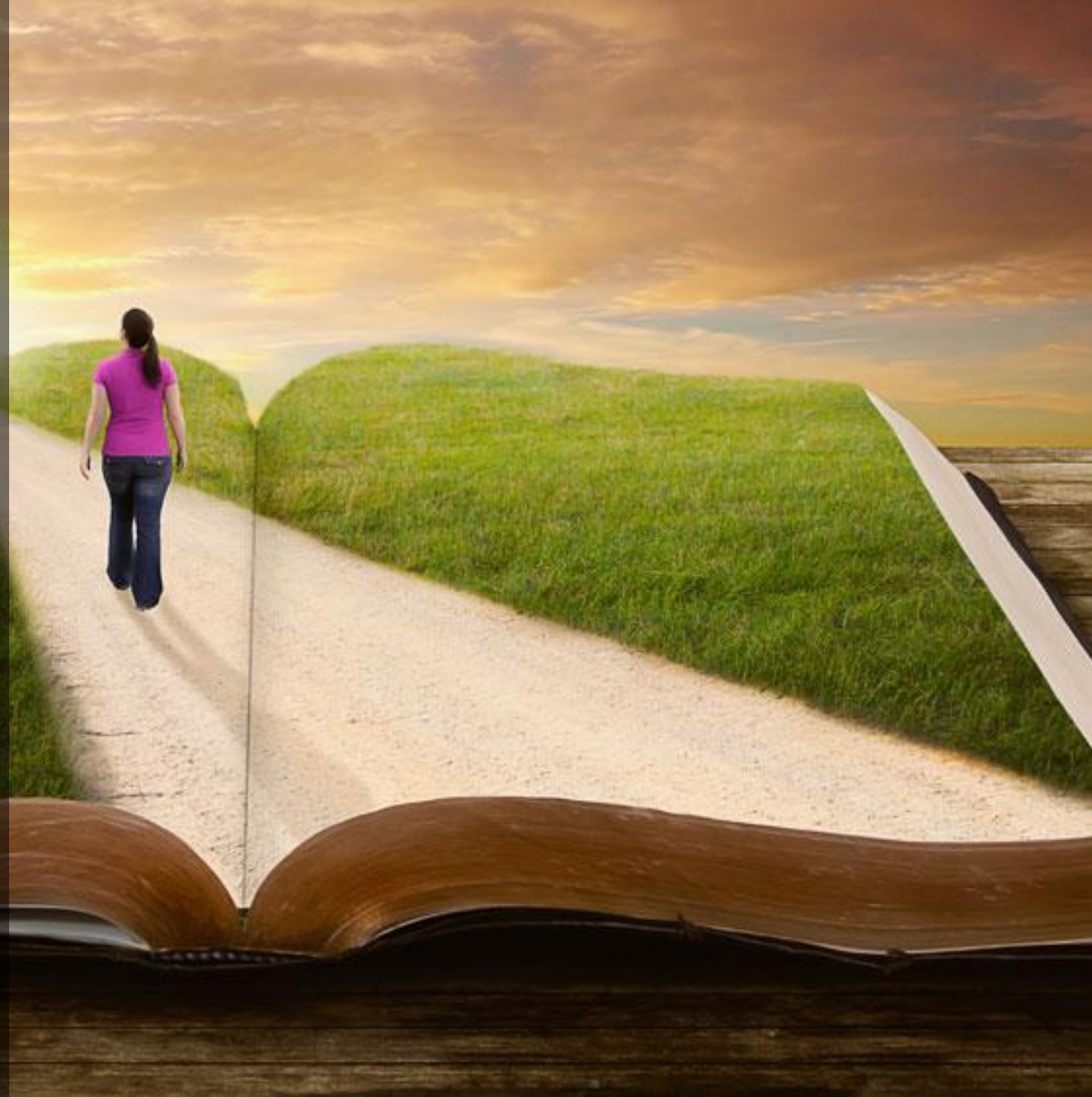


John 15:7

If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.



His Word, Our Discipleship



FIFTH SIGN

A disciple of
Jesus lives a
life of prayer.



John 15:7

If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.

SIXTH SIGN

A disciple of
Jesus is obedient
to God's
commandments.



John 15:10

If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love.

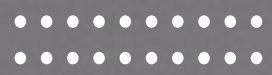
SEVENTH SIGN

A disciple of
Jesus is called
to fellowship
with other
disciples.



John 15:12

This is *My* commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.



The meaning
of fellowship
for a disciple
of Jesus, love.



EIGHTH SIGN

A disciple of
Jesus lives for
the glory of
God.



John 15:8

By this *My* Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be *My* disciples.

God desires to manifest through you the holiness, the benevolence, the compassion of His own character. Yet the Saviour does not bid the disciples labor to bear fruit. He tells them to abide in Him....



The life of Christ in you produces the same fruits as in Him. Living in Christ, adhering to Christ, supported by Christ, drawing nourishment from Christ, you bear fruit after the similitude of Christ.“

(Desire of Ages, pg. 677)



NINTH SIGN

A disciple of
Jesus is called
to lead a life
of joy



John 15:11

“These things I have spoken to you, that
My joy may remain in you, and *that* your
joy may be full.

TENTH SIGN

A disciple of
Jesus has
made a clear,
100% decision
for
discipleship.



A scenic landscape with a sun rising over mountains and a forest. The sun is bright and glowing, casting a warm light over the scene. The mountains are in the background, and the forest is in the foreground. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and serene.

Closing Hymn - #248

○ How I Love Jesus



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