

**Worship Service
January 20th, 2019**

*Worship Song	Together with Band	
Opening Prayer	Presider	
Bible Reading	John 15:1-2	Rossana Bokhari
Prayer	Kurt Schwartz	
Announcement	Samuel Lebbie	
Offering Prayer	Presider	
Offering	Together	
Special Song	Worship Band	
Message	How To Live a Fruitful Life (Cutting and Pruning)	Timothy Hong
Prayer of Blessing	Presider	

Today's Sermon Outline

**How To Live a Fruitful Life
(Cutting and Pruning)**

Text: John 1:1-8

Cutting off

There are many different branches on one vine. Not all branches on a vine are necessary to bear fruit. There are some dead branches. Insects and worms are living in those branches. There are also fruitless branches for various reasons. Those branches prevent other healthy and productive branches from growing well and producing much and good fruit. So to make the tree fruitful, farmers must cut off such bad or unnecessary branches every year. If they cut off such branches thoroughly, they can make a vine healthy and fruitful.

Likewise, man's life has defects which prevent the life from being productive. There are bad habits and sinful characteristics in our lives which keep us from being better and being productive. Those things must be cut off from our lives. Jesus does not say that we have the power to cut them off. The job of "cutting off" is done by the gardener, God Himself. It is God who can take out corrupt, sick, and dead parts from our lives. God does that without discouraging or hurting the healthy parts. While God is cutting out sinful and dead things in our lives, there will be some pain. But the pain is necessary. We have to believe God's good will

and purpose for our lives in the pain. When God deals with your sin or bad habit, surrender yourself to him although it is painful (Matthew 5:29-30). Be thankful to Him for making your life more fruitful.

Pruning

There are branches which produce good fruit and have potential to produce even more and better fruit. There are some weak branches which cannot bear good fruit but have the potential to do so. Those branches should not be cut off but must be pruned so that they become stronger and healthier and produce better and more fruit.

Likewise, God prunes something good in our lives to make us more mature and healthier.

How does God prune us? God prunes us through discipline. Through discipline, God molds our good character to be better, and strengthens our weak faith (1 Peter 1:6-7).

God uses many different ways, like a refiner's fire to discipline our character and faith to be more mature and purer. God may use people around us, difficult circumstances, financial pressure, our failures, illnesses, or trials.

Then how should we respond to God's discipline?

1). We have to be thankful for all discipline because God confirms His love for us through discipline. Hebrews 12:6 says, *because the Lord disciplines those he loves, and he punishes everyone he accepts as a son*. Also Hebrews 12:8 says, *If you are not disciplined (and everyone undergoes discipline), then you are illegitimate children and not true sons*.

2) We have to endure when discipline comes to us. Hebrews 12:7-12 says, *Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as sons.No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it. Therefore, strengthen your feeble arms and weak knees*. When you go through painful trials while you are doing something good, do not give up on doing it. Endure the trials and continue doing it. And God will surely make your life fruitful.

Application

1. What do you think are the things in your life that must be cut off in order to live a healthy and fruitful life? How can those things be cut off?
2. How does God discipline you to make you grow and become mature so that you can live a more fruitful life? How should you respond to God's discipline?

Announcements

Welcome New Comers and Visitors

We welcome all new comers and visitors to our worship service today. Please join us for our lunch fellowship which will be held in the fellowship hall right after the service.

Lunch Preparation

This week - Spanish Group **Next week** – Filipino Group

*Today's fellowship cleaning turn is Pakistan and Korean Group (Haroon Wilson).

Annual Financial Report

Will be given next Sunday right after lunch fellowship. All regular offering givers are to attend.

Prayer Request

*For traveling mercies – Moses Sanchez and Christine Alegre are in the Philippines
Erlyn Balano is in the Philippines

*For healing – Patricia Grass's recovery from minor heart attack

Intercessory Prayer

If anybody wants to receive intercessory prayer by pastors and leaders you may come to the front of sanctuary right after worship service.

Groups for Fellowship Hall Cleaning on Sundays (Jan-Feb/2019)

Date	Group	Leader
Jan 20	Pakistan & Korean Group	Haroon Wilson
Jan 27	College and Youth Group	Moses Sanchez
Feb 3	Spanish Group	Analís Gomez Garcia
Feb 10	Filipino Group	Lyle Atonson
Feb 17	African Group	John Ayetty

Ushers of the Month

Offering Ushers	GiGi Alberto, Charles Gaines, Samantha Gaines, Lyle Atonson
Welcome Ushers	Analís Garcia, Dave Ziel, Erlinda Morales

Last Week's Offering

Tithe	Rene & Lynn Corachea//Charles & Samantha Gaines//Lydia Hong//Diana B. Lamier//Samuel Lebbie//Alex & Analís Lucas Garcia//Verjun/Sandra San Jose//William Kurt & Lyleen Stewarts//Joy Anele
Lord's Day	John & Branda Ayettey//Eryn Corachea//Rosa & Nestor Dumlao//Timothy Hong//Alex & Analís Lucas Garcia//Jasmine Luna//Richard Shaffer//Sung Hee Kweon
Thanksgiving	Charles & Samantha Gaines//Kathryn Rose
Mission	Byung, Sung & Brian Cheon//Erlinda Moralez//Richard Shaffer//Robert Bob Stewarts//Joy Anale//Jareeta Pavel

Weekly Bible Reading Chart

Day/date	Old Testament	Check	New Testament	Check
Mon 1-21-19	Genesis 46-47		Matthew 14:13-36	
Tue 1-22-19	Genesis 48-50		Matthew 15	
Wed 1-23-19	Exodus 1-2		Matthew 16	
Thu 1-24-19	Exodus 3-4		Matthew 17:1-13	
Fri 1-25-19	Exodus 5-7		Matthew 17:14-27	
Sat 1-26-19	Exodus 8-10		Matthew 18:1-9	
Sun 1-27-19	Exodus 11-12		Matthew 18:10-20	

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Worship Services:

Sunday Main Service 11:30 AM

Prayer Services

Sundays 9:30 AM - Room 106

Bible Study

Shepherd Group – Wednesday 8:00 PM
Saturday 10:30 AM

Cell Groups

Monday- Friday according to arrangement of each cell

College Student Ministry

Bible study – Church, Sunday 1:30 PM

Youth Ministry

Sunday – 1:30 PM

Children's Ministry

Sunday school- Sunday 11:30 AM

ESF Band Practice

Sunday 9:30 AM & 1:30 PM

Missionaries

Eva Sanchez – Campus ministry in Peru
Miguelina Martinez – Campus ministry in Dominican Republic
Suri Kumar – Campus ministry and Hindu ministry in India
Jordan Custorio – Campus ministry in the Philippines
Paul Uzoma – Campus ministry in Benin, Africa
Rahab Lee – Campus ministry in Asia
Angelito Garcia – Campus ministry in Ukraine
Raul Navarro – Student ministry in Cuba

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