



The Vineyard, Part 06 - "Winter Dormancy"

1. In the quiet of winter, the Vines are rooting deeper, storing carbs and being tended too. How are you tending to your faith and discipleship in the quiet hour before any ministry or Christian action is done in your life?

Romans 5:2b-6 - And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. ³Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance;⁴perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us. ⁶You see at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly.

2. How does this text encourage us to view suffering? Is it the way you receive suffering?

3. After you suffer, are you inclined to press deeper into the heart of God or further into the pit of despair? Hear what God has promised that we will receive through faithfulness and hope in him: 1 Peter 5:6- 11 (emphasis vs. 10)

4. In our suffering, dormancy and waiting for spring to come, how can you be active in pursuing God more intentionally? In what ways is he calling you to tend, grow, pay deeper attention too and to fertilize the soil of your heart for a more fruitful season ahead? Ask someone close to you to pray for this growth.