



21 DAYS OF
DEDICATION

Ways to Engage:

- **Fast** – 21 day Daniel Fast
- **Worship nights** – next 2 Wednesdays from 7-8p,
- **Daily devotional** – readings, videos, and reflection questions (Mon-Sat)
- **Drop-in Prayer** – Tuesdays from 11-1pm in sanctuary
- **Weekly worship playlist**

RECAP: PRUNING

- **God prunes** – cuts away all that prevents us from bearing fruit
- **We repent** – move from disagreeing with God to agreeing with God
- **3 heart conditions that need to be pruned:**
 - **Hardness** – resistance to voice of God
 - **Shallowness** – loving ourselves more than God
 - **Crowdedness** – loving world more than the Kingdom of God



TWO MISUNDERSTANDINGS IN THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN LOVE & OBEDIENCE

Earning God's love through obedience-

- **No** – God's love is prior to our obedience
 - **1John 4.19** - We love because he first loved us.
- **No** – our obedience is expression of our love for God, not basis of His love for us
 - **Romans 5.8** - But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

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Since God's love is not based on obedience, behavior doesn't matter-

- **No** – if we love Jesus, we will obey
 - **John 14.23** - Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.
- **No** – can't separate Gift from Giver
 - **John 17.3** - Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.

WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN ABIDING

- **In resting in God's love for us**
 - **Rom 5.5** – God's love has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit
- **In obeying God as expression of our love for Him**
 - **John 14.15-17:** “If you love me, keep my commands. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever—the Spirit of truth.”