

# CUTTING & PRUNING

## Pruning hurts but it is necessary!



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**W**hy do gardeners prune plants and trees? For the overall health of the plant! If there is no pruning, there will be no fruitfulness in the upcoming season. At my home we have rose bushes that are a little over 50 years old. They have stayed healthy over the years because of the continuous yearly pruning by my late great grandmother, my grandfather, myself, and my wife. This same pruning process can relate to our spiritual health in our daily lives. It must be a continuous process we manage daily for our spiritual wellbeing to blossom. In this week's sermon, Pastor Henry Herrera explains the necessary but hurtful process of pruning attachments we carry within ourselves daily that keep getting between us and our intimate relationship with Christ Jesus. These attachments can come in different forms such as something physical, demanding, material related, a toxic relationship, past mistakes, or something we will not let go of. In order for our relationships to bloom with others as well as with Jesus, we must take the necessary action of pruning those things that keep us from entering into an intimate relationship with Jesus!



## Share and Reflect

John 15:1-17 New Living Translation

15 "I am the true grapevine, and my Father is the gardener. 2 He cuts off every branch of mine that doesn't produce fruit, and he prunes the branches that do bear fruit so they will produce even more. 3 You have already been pruned and purified by the message I have given you. 4 Remain in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me.

Also mentioned : Luke 13:6-7 New Living Translation

Questions to ask yourself:

1. What are the incorrect activities in your life that you know you need to cut out to allow you to grow?
2. How has God used a painful experience to show you that you need to cut something out of your life?

Question for Couples:

1. Give a list of distractions that need to be pruned in your relationship.

## UPCOMING EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2020

Join us for the grand opening of CALEB RANCH as we celebrate through family, fellowship, food, games, and a welcome message from our very own Bishop Paul Ojeda and Pastor Lilian Ojeda September 5, 2020 beginning at 9am. Prepare your fluid coolers, lawn chairs, canopies, and sack lunches as we take in this moment as family! See [calebranch.com](http://calebranch.com) for more details!