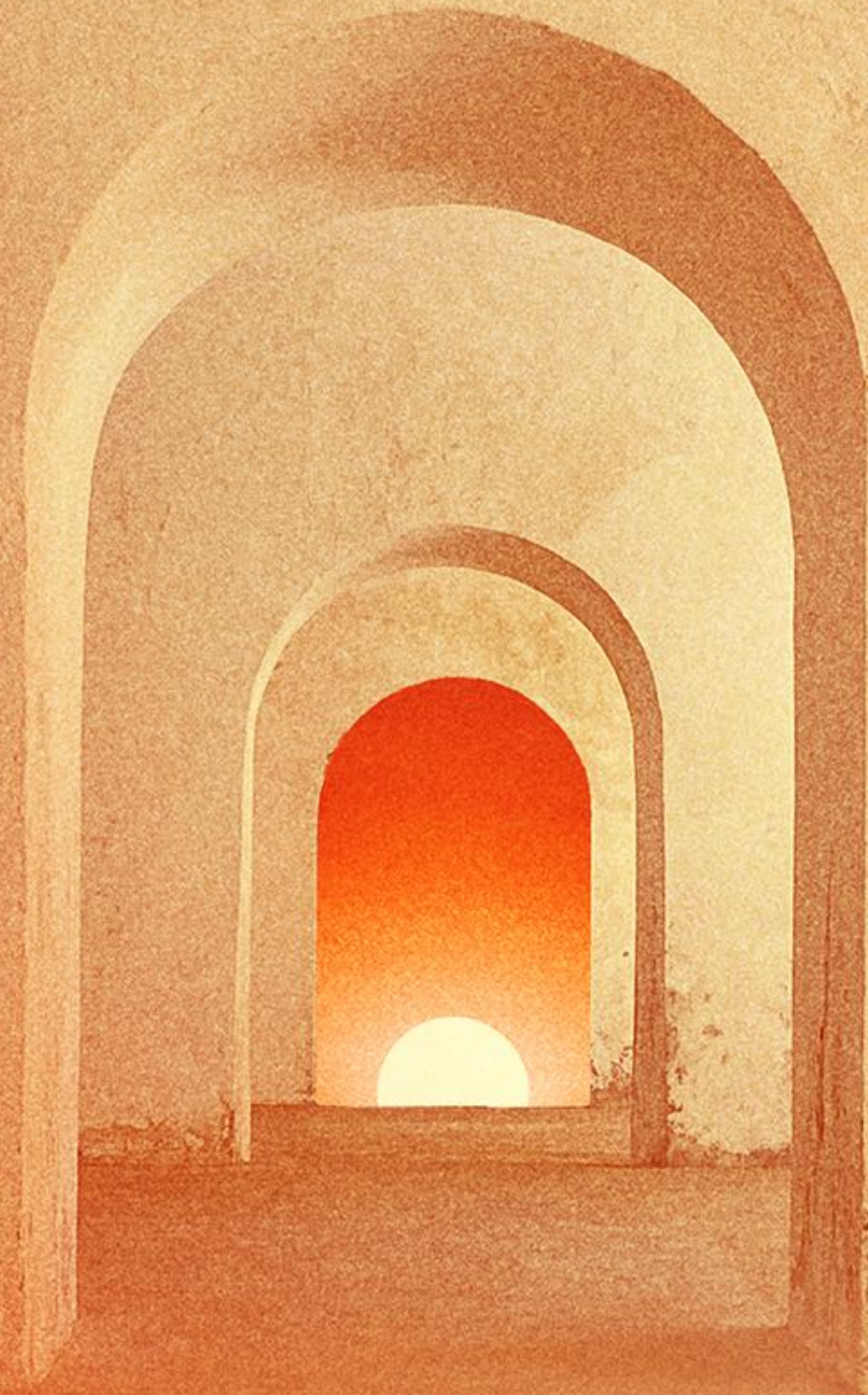


# Abide

The Power and Beauty  
of God's Word



<sup>1</sup> “I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. <sup>2</sup> He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. <sup>3</sup> You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup> Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. <sup>5</sup> “I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. ...

**JOHN 15:1-17**

<sup>6</sup> If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. <sup>7</sup> If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup> This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples. <sup>9</sup> "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. <sup>10</sup> If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. <sup>11</sup> I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. ...

**JOHN 15:1-17**

<sup>12</sup> My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup> Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. <sup>14</sup> You are my friends if you do what I command. <sup>15</sup> I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. <sup>16</sup> You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. <sup>17</sup> This is my command: Love each other.

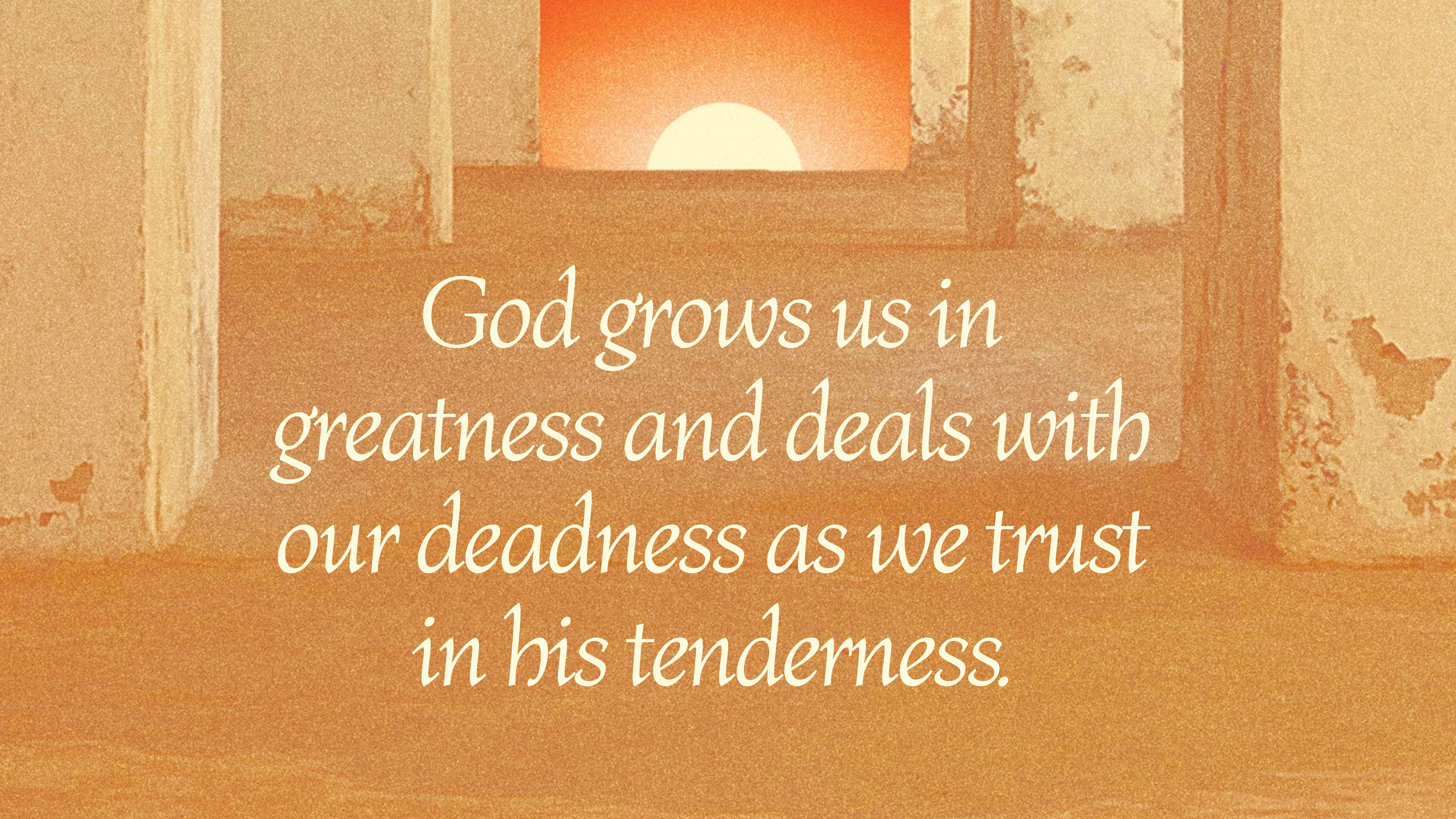
**JOHN 15:1-17**

**What is God's vision for your life?**

*That you become great.*



This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.



*God grows us in  
greatness and deals with  
our deadness as we trust  
in his tenderness.*

**God Grows Us in Greatness**



**God Grows Us in Greatness**

**God Deals with our Deadness**

**God Grows Us in Greatness**

**God Deals with our Deadness**

**As We Trust in His Tenderness**

**God Grows Us in Greatness**



My Father is glorified by this, that  
you bear much fruit, and so prove  
to be My disciples.

a. Real Greatness Looks Like Radical Obedience





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.



The law of the Lord is perfect,  
reviving the soul.

*Sin ravages the soul;  
obedience revives it.*



a. Real Greatness Looks Like Radical Obedience

b. Real Greatness Looks Like Sacrificial Love





This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends.



**To live out the greatest  
commandment with others is to  
bring out the greatness in you.**

**God Grows Us in Greatness**

**God Deals with our Deadness**

JOHN 15:5



I am the vine; you are the branches.

“In general, taking a Peloton class is like simultaneously having a hyper-fit, in your face gym trainer pushing you to the max, while also urging you to stare your life’s purpose in the face. Demands quickly flip from how high to “crank your hill”, to how honest you’re willing to be with yourself to how thankful you are. There are frequent references to forces bigger than oneself... [the effect] is spiritually intoxicating.”

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JOHN 15:5



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JOHN 15:1



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**“You must change your life.”**

**Rainer Rilke**

**Archaic Torso of Apollo**

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He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful.

**The branch trusts  
the vine to save it**

**“to lift up” or  
“to raise up”**

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