

- **NEW YEAR'S THOUGHT: INSTEAD OF JUST GOING THROUGH ANOTHER YEAR, I'M GOING TO GROW THROUGH ANOTHER YEAR.**

John 15:1-17 (NLT)

HOW DO I GROW MY FAITH THIS YEAR?

1. GROW IN _____

I am the true grapevine, and my Father is the gardener.

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.

*Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing. **John 15:1, 4-5 (NLT)***

*Very truly I tell you, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does. **John 5:19 (NIV)***

2. GROW THROUGH _____

*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. You have already been pruned and purified by the message I have given you. **John 15:2-3 (NLT)***

- **God prunes the stuff that _____.**
- **God prunes _____ so that I can get _____.**
- **Occasionally, we go through _____ that require pruning.**

3. GROW WITH _____

This is my commandment: Love each other in the same way I have loved you. There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you slaves, because a master doesn't confide in his slaves.

Now you are my friends, since I have told you everything the Father told me. You didn't choose me. I chose you. I appointed you to go and produce lasting fruit, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask for, using my name. This is my command: Love each other.

John 15:12-17 (NLT)