



# Outcomes Focus

*Devotional featuring Althea Penn*

Are you flourishing? Did you know that it's the Father's desire that you flourish? Seeds are designed to bring forth fruit, and throughout the Bible "seeds" are a literary device representing the Word of God, or Jesus, and for believers. It's interesting that as Christian educators, our primary desired outcome is for our students to develop a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. And we can model that when we abide in the Word of God. Every believer should have a personal devotional life where they meditate in the Word of God and pray. The Word renews our minds, and it restores our souls. It is the seed that generates growth in our personal relationship with Christ.



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And then secondly, we want to make sure that we have environments that are conducive to growth. Are we in biblical community? Do we regularly attend Bible teaching churches? And do we have brothers and sisters in the Lord that hold us accountable, provide feedback, and with whom we collaborate to produce a harvest for the father.

Thirdly, it's important that when we're facing challenging situations, we recognize them for what they are. You know that pruning is required if a plant is to be fruitful. Are we able to count difficult situations and circumstances all joy, as we recognize they're working together for our good, our growth and for God's glory? As you abide in the Lord, as you get in biblical community, and as you focus on bringing forth fruit in a joyful manner, may you serve the Lord with gladness.

## MEDITATE

*"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." —JOHN 15:4, NIV*

## REFLECT

What do we learn about God from John 15:4?

How are you stimulating spiritual growth in your environment and in your own heart?

How is our community as a school conducive to growth?