

Daily Devotion For July 15, 2021

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.” John 15:16

Last night I had the joy of having a “mini-reunion” with a few of the “kids” that were in the youth group when I was the director of the Sansei/Yonsei Youth Project from 1981-1983. The last time I saw a couple of the “kids” was in July of 1983 when I left the project to go to Japan with the Overseas Missionary Fellowship. Those kids were in high school then and now one is a retired fire-fighter and another is a licensed Pastor of a church in San Jose. Boy I felt old!!

Cora, the licensed pastor told me as I was leaving that “I am one of the fruit of your ministry.” She told me that as she preaches and teaches that she often shares that her journey of faith began when I was the youth director.

In John 15:16, Jesus says that we are chosen by God that we might go and bear fruit for the kingdom of God. We may not realize what impact we may have on another person as we seek to share the Word of God with them but God is faithful and will not allow his Word to return empty and void without succeeding in the manner for which is was sent. (Isaiah 55:11)

Thought For Today: Take heart that when you sow the seeds of God’s Word that God can and will use it to accomplish His purposes. To whom are you sharing the Word of God? Remember, God has appointed you to bear fruit.

Today’s Prayer Focus: Pray that the Lord would help you bear good fruit for the kingdom of God. Continue to pray this week’s prayer fuel. Deo Volente.