

Daily Devotion For February 4, 2023

⁵ “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 15:5

Yesterday my brother Ken and I had the opportunity to spend time at the AT&T golf tournament. (Thanks Darrell Tanaka for the tickets!!). We had the opportunity to take pictures with future hall of famer Buster Posey, Warriors owner Joe Lacob, Steve Young, Alex Smith, among many others.

Long time Monterey residents remember this tournament as the Bing Crosby Pro-Am. As a young child I remember my father taking me to this tournament and watching “The King” Arnold Palmer and “The Golden Bear” Jack Nicklaus.

Every year for decades, Jack Nicklaus would begin his golf season by starting over. Nicklaus, arguably the greatest professional golfer ever, and winner of more major tournaments than anyone who ever strolled a fairway, starting over? But why? Jack knew that without a proper grip his game under pressure could become erratic and fall apart. Therefore, he spent hours working on the fundamentals of a proper grip.

There is a parallel for life. You are, in a sense, like the golf club. You can't do anything on your own. You are only potential. However, if you let God, He will take hold of your life and provide the direction and power to fulfill His purpose. He can help you find life's fairway and show you how to progress on the course of life. In fact, in the first part of John 15:5, He says as much: “Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit.” Basically, those in His grip live lives of purpose.

Thought For Today: If Jack Nicklaus thought the grip was the most fundamental element in the golf swing, it makes sense that being in God's grip is the most fundamental element to living your life the way He intended. So, how is His grip on your life? Join us tomorrow for worship service at El Estero as we talk about getting a GRIP on God's Word the Bible!

Today's Prayer Focus: Thank God that His grip on our lives is firm and dependable. Deo Volente.