

Understanding Jesus

1 I am the real vine, and my Father is the gardener. 2 He breaks off every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and he prunes every branch that does bear fruit, so that it will be clean and bear more fruit. 3 You have been made clean already by the teaching I have given you.

John 15:1-9 (GNT)

4 Remain united to me, and I will remain united to you. A branch cannot bear fruit by itself; it can do so only if it remains in the vine. In the same way you cannot bear fruit unless you remain in me. 5 I am the vine, and you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will bear much fruit; for you can do nothing without me.

John 15:1-9 (GNT)

6 Those who do not remain in me are thrown out like a branch and dry up; such branches are gathered up and thrown into the fire, where they are burned. 7 If you remain in me and my words remain in you, then you will ask for anything you wish, and you shall have it.

John 15:1-9 (GNT)

8 My Father's glory is shown by your bearing much fruit; and in this way you become my disciples. 9 I love you just as the Father loves me; remain in my love.

John 15:1-9 (GNT)

**Jesus Is Not A Fueling
Station, He's A Vine**



Remain: katapausis in the Greek

to abide; to remain behind or delay for the purpose of relationship.



I answered, “I see a solid gold lampstand with a bowl at the top and seven lamps on it, with seven channels to the lamps. Also there are two olive trees by it, one on the right of the bowl and the other on its left” . . . This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: ‘Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,’ says the Lord Almighty.

Zechariah 4:2-3, 6 (NIV)

**Remaining Makes Us Healthy,
Sensitive, and Enduring**

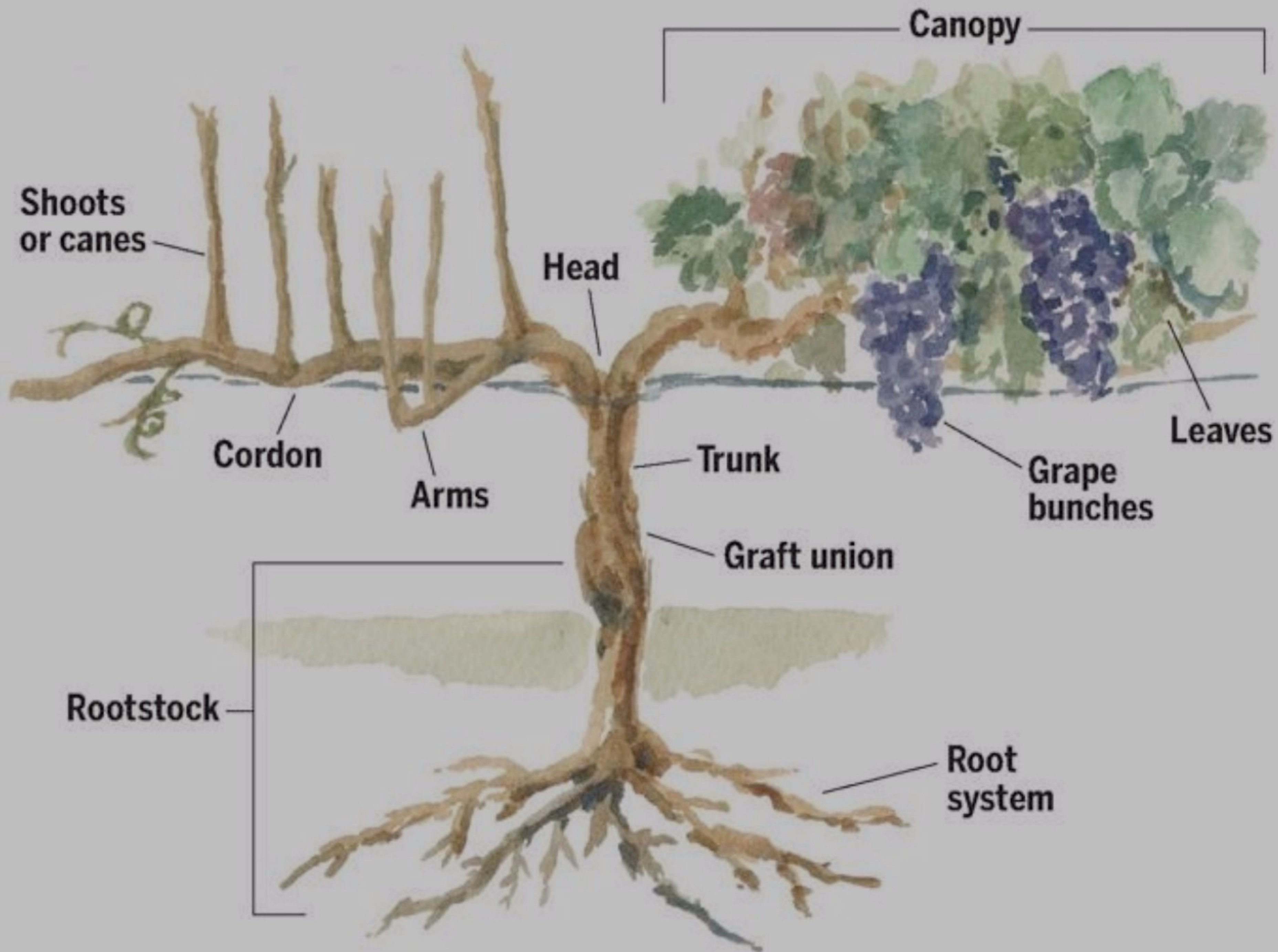
**Jesus Doesn't Harm,
He Heals**



**“...Do No
Harm...”**

The Hippocratic Oath





Pruning:

God cutting away things that are growing out of us that rob our energy, hinder our fruitfulness, and diminish our lives

He breaks off every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and he prunes every branch that does bear fruit, so that it will be clean and bear more fruit. - John 15:2 (GNT)

“If you don’t prune, you’re left with a vine that is stressed out and makes bad fruit.”

Winemaker

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A conversation between John Green and Nick.

Green was a Chaplain when Nick was a young boy in the hospital with life-threatening burns.

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