

Help My Unbelief...

**figs, faith,
forgiveness**



Mark 11:12-25

(p. 796)



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Trust is putting faith into action.

Mark 11:12-14 (p. 796)

On the following day, when they came from Bethany, He was hungry. ¹³ And seeing in the distance a fig tree in leaf, He went to see if He could find anything on it. When He came to it, He found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season for figs. ¹⁴ And He said to it, "May no one ever eat fruit from you again." And His disciples heard it.



The fig tree represented the nation of Israel.

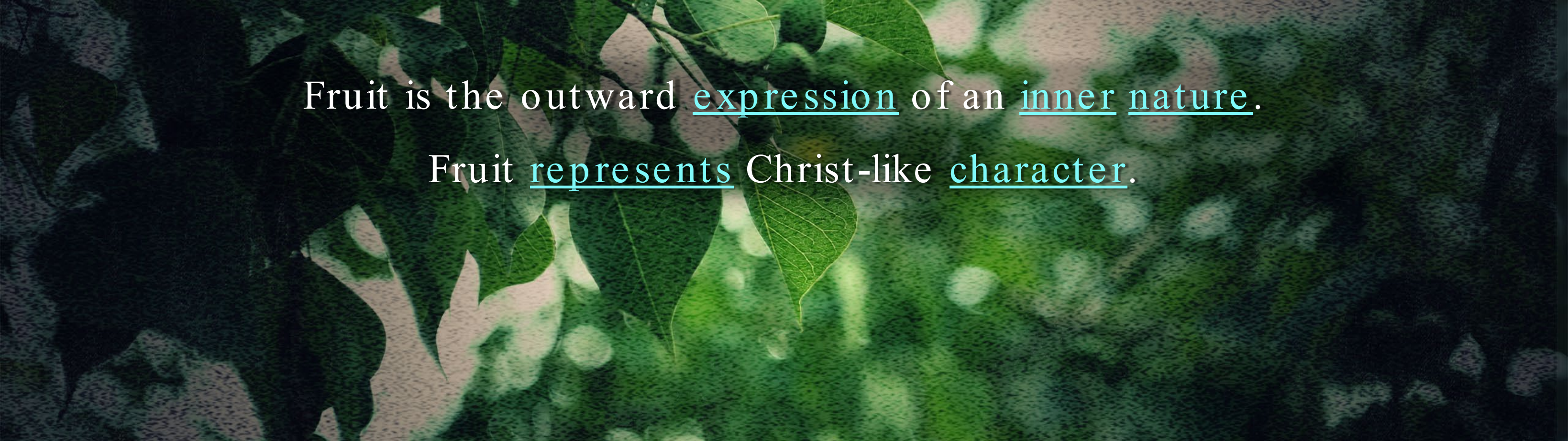


Matthew 21:43 (p. 776)

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits.



The leaves of the fig tree represent outward goodness.



Fruit is the outward expression of an inner nature.

Fruit represents Christ-like character.

Luke 13:6-9 (p. 819-820)

And He told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. ⁷ And he said to the vinedresser, 'Look, for three years now I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. Cut it down. Why should it use up the ground?' ⁸ And he answered him, 'Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and put on manure. ⁹ Then if it should bear fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"



Luke 13:8 (p. 820)

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Hebrews 3:12-13,15 (p. 942)

Be careful then, dear brothers and sisters. Make sure that your own hearts are not evil and unbelieving, turning you away from the living God. ¹³ You must warn each other every day, while it is still "today," so that none of you will be deceived by sin and hardened against God.



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¹⁵ Remember what it says: "Today when you hear His voice, don't harden your hearts as Israel did when they rebelled."



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Israel is the example to not follow.



Mark 11:20-22 (p. 796)

As they passed by in the morning, they saw the fig tree withered away to its roots. ²¹ And Peter remembered and said to Him, "Rabbi, look! The fig tree that You cursed has withered." ²² And Jesus answered them, "Have faith in God.

Mark 11:23-25 (p. 796)

Truly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be taken up and thrown into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says will come to pass, it will be done for him. ²⁴ Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.



A mountain is any obstacle that blocks your path and stops your progress; it blocks your view of God.



Speak to the mountain not about it.



Focus on God's power, not the size of the mountain.

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And whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone, so that your Father also who is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses."

Three Rules for Forgiveness in Relationships:

1. I will not use them against you at a future date.
2. I will not talk to others about them.
3. I will not dwell on them.