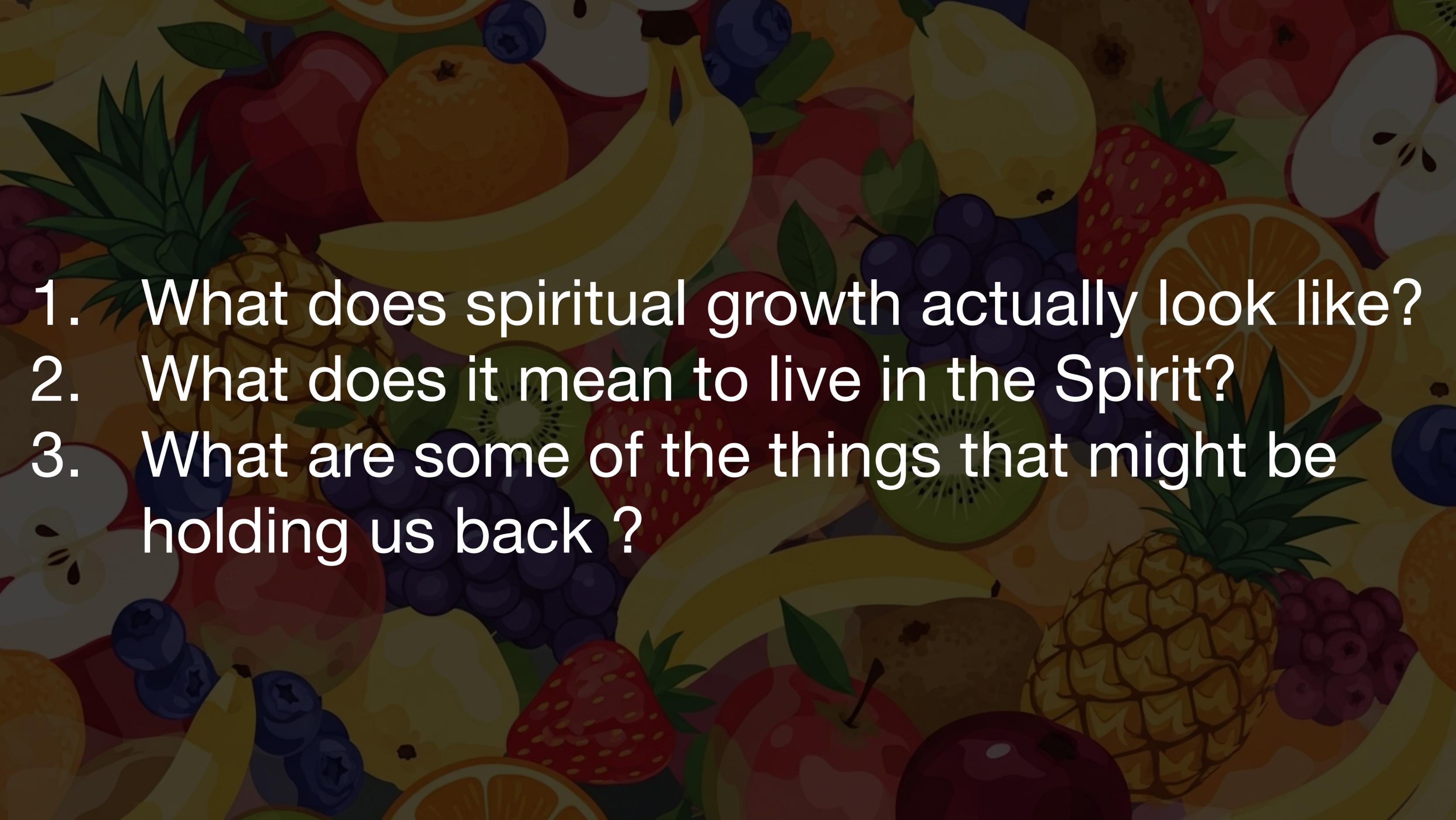
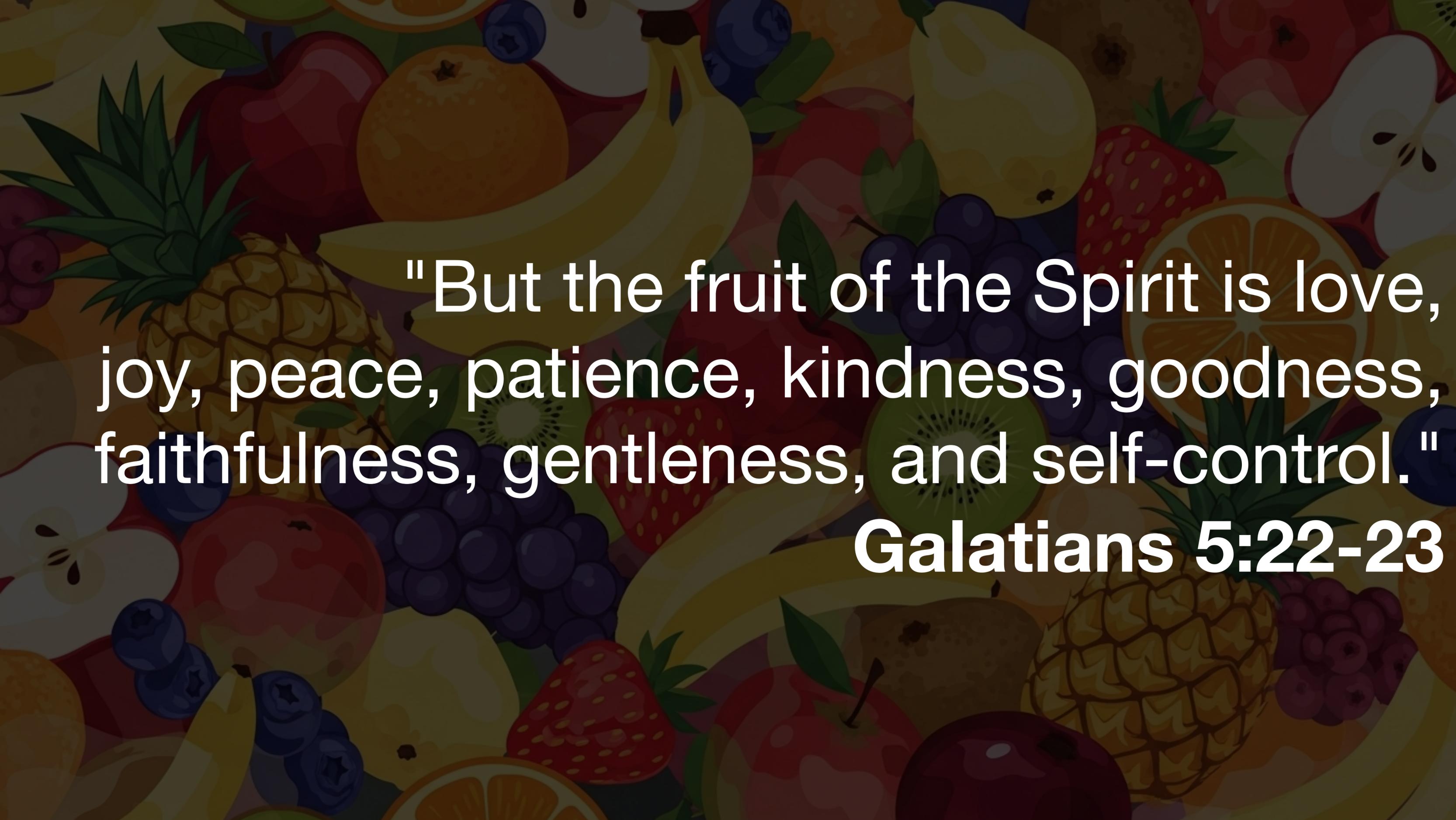


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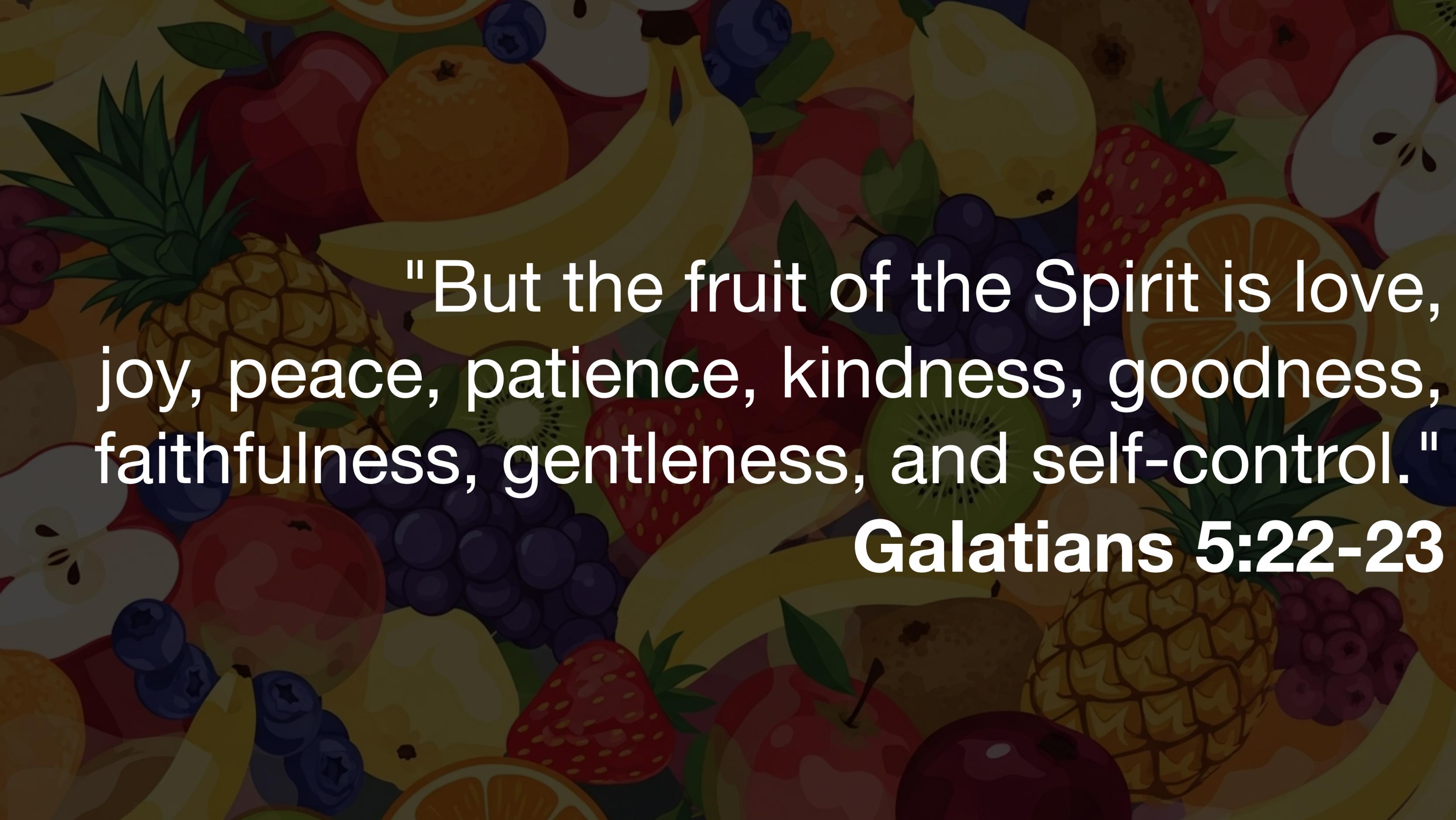
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1. What does spiritual growth actually look like?
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  3. What are some of the things that might be holding us back ?



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"Sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like."

**Galatians 5:19–21**

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## Question:

Why do you think Paul puts love at the very top of the Spirit's fruit rather than something like obedience or self-control?

## 2. Fruit Is Singular

A vibrant, stylized illustration of various fruits including pineapples, bananas, grapes, strawberries, kiwis, apples, oranges, and blueberries, arranged in a dense, overlapping pattern. The fruits are rendered in a flat, illustrative style with bright colors and clear outlines. The background is a dark, muted green, which makes the colorful fruits stand out. The overall composition is a rich, textured collage of different types of fruit.

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Joy is love celebrating.

Peace is love resting.

Patience is love waiting.

Kindness is love helping.

Goodness is love choosing what is right.

Faithfulness is love staying.

Gentleness is love responding softly.

Self-control is love saying no when it needs to.

## 2. Fruit Is Singular

### Questions:

Which of those descriptions resonates most with you? Which one surprises you?

If love really is the root of all the other fruit, what does that say about where spiritual growth has to begin?

# 3. This Is Not Just Any Love

The background of the slide is a dense, colorful illustration of various fruits. It includes pineapples with green crowns, bunches of purple grapes, several red strawberries, slices of kiwi showing their green flesh and black seeds, bunches of blueberries, and slices of oranges. There are also whole apples, some of which are sliced to show their cores, and several yellow bananas. The fruits are rendered in a stylized, slightly flat manner with soft shadows, creating a rich, textured appearance. The overall color palette is warm and vibrant, dominated by the natural colors of the produce.

### **3. This Is Not Just Any Love**

**Altruism**



# 3. This Is Not Just Any Love

**God is Love**

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See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!

**1 John 3:1**

### **3. This Is Not Just Any Love**

**Questions:**

What is the difference between loving someone because of how they make you feel and the way God loves?

If God is love and love is altruistic, what does that tell us about what God is like at His core?

# 4. Love Is Evidence of the Spirit



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## Questions:

On an honest scale, where would you say you are right now — are you growing in love, staying the same, or going backward?

What do you think is driving that?

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# 5. Love Is Supernatural

## Questions:

Who is the hardest person in your life to love right now? What makes loving them difficult?

What is the difference between tolerating someone and actually loving them? Does that distinction matter?

# 6. Love Grows Through Connection

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# 6. Love Grows Through Connection

## Questions:

What does staying connected to Jesus actually look like in your daily life right now — honestly?

Is there something that has been cutting you off or weakening that connection lately?

What is one practical thing you could do this week to strengthen your connection to the vine?

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