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STAY CONNECTED TO STAY ALIVE

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*"Live in me. Make your home in me just as I do in you. In the same way that a branch can't bear grapes by itself but only by being joined to the vine, you can't bear fruit unless you are joined with me."
John 15:4, Message Bible*



When a woman conceives a child in her womb the fetus' lifeline is the 'umbilical cord' and is so named because it's connected from the womb to the naval of the child. The nourishment the child needs to properly develop within the womb is administered through this cord, which is the reason an expectant mother should eat properly and not ingest unhealthy things into her system. When a mother eats properly the fetus will receive appropriate nourishment, as well. As long as the fetus stays connected to the mother by the umbilical cord it will be sustained and premature detachment of the cord can be the cause termination of that pregnancy.

The fetus must remain connected to complete its development, so when it reaches full term and it is ready for delivery, one can expect a fully developed baby with all necessary parts and organs in place and operable.

The point being conveyed is that it is mandatory that every born again Christian understand the importance of remaining connected to Jesus. Although already born again, we are still being developed as being formed into the image of Jesus Christ is an ongoing process for each of us. No one is capable of reaching the full stature of the fullness of Christ unless you stay connected to Him.

Remember, it's in Him we live, move and have our being (Acts 17:28). There's a beautiful song by Kirk Whalum entitled "Falling In Love with Jesus" that says, "in His arms I feel protected, in His arms never disconnected," and another portion says, "falling in love with Jesus is the best thing I've ever done." We will desire to remain connected to Him if we really love Him. If we really love Him, we will desire to live in Him just as He lives in us. Love is the umbilical cord that connects us to Jesus and Jesus to us. Love put Him on the cross to pay the price so we could be connected to Him. Our success in life is directly related to our connectedness to Jesus. Stay connected to stay alive!

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