



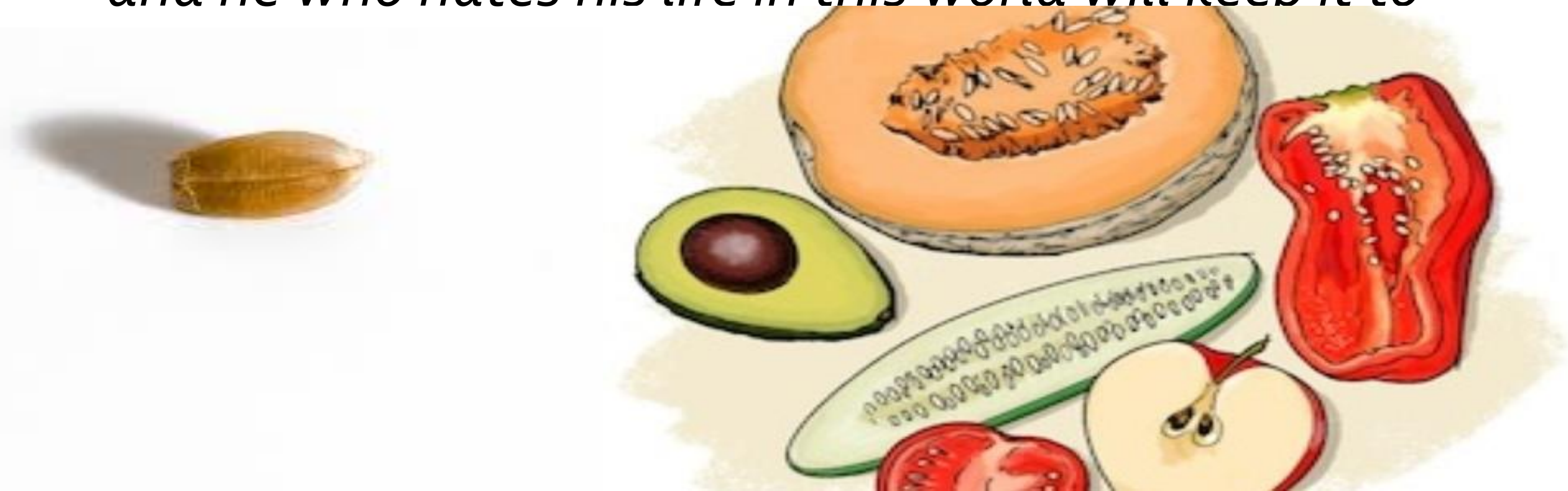
Don't remain alone

John 12:24

Ted Ohrn, February 26, 2017

John 12:24-25

"Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. 25 " He who loves his life loses it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it to



Fall to the ground

- Mary fell to the ground at Jesus feet when Lazarus died
- The Samaritan leper who was cleansed fell to the ground at Jesus feet in thanks giving
- The rich young ruler fell to the ground at Jesus feet to ask a question:

Mark 10:17 As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. "Good teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

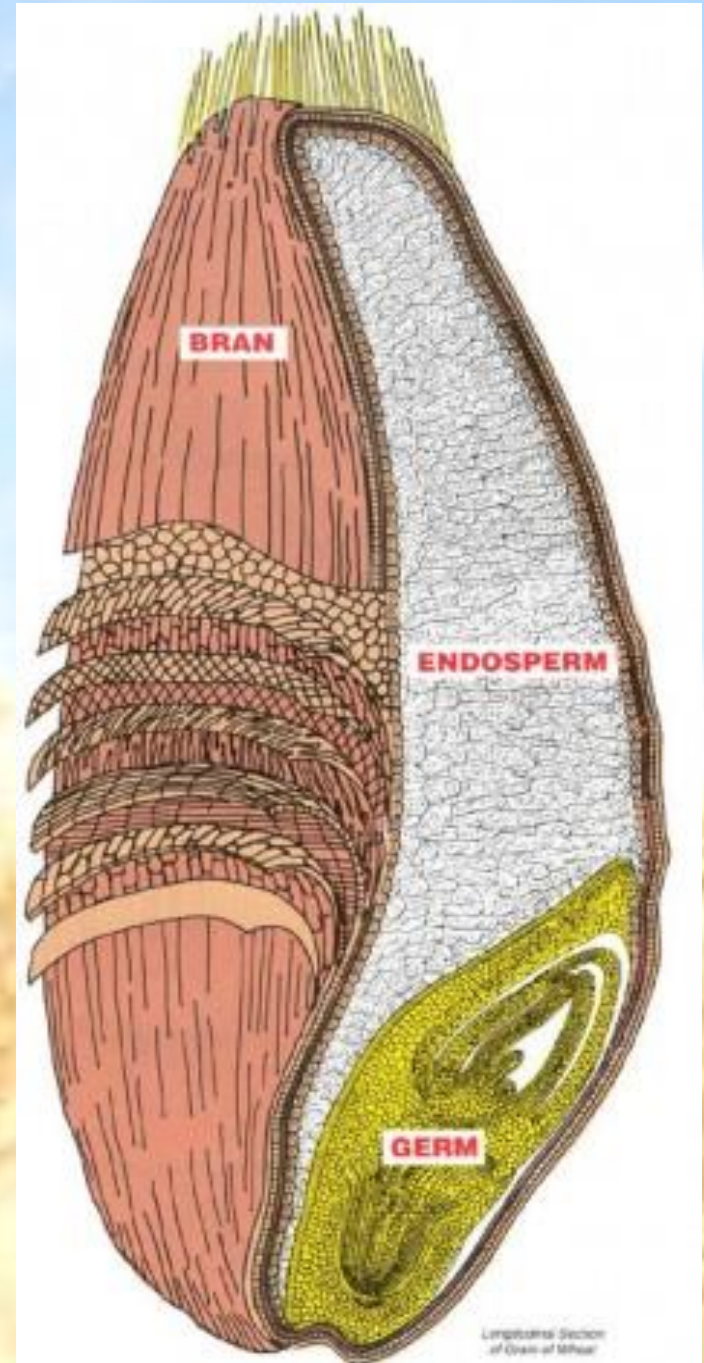
The way of life comes through death

1 Cor 15:36

How foolish! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies.

How does a kernel of wheat die?

- A kernel of wheat has three parts, the bran, the endosperm and the germ
- The outer husk falls off
- The wheat germ feeds off the endosperm and becomes a new plant



How did Jesus die?

- He became a man (Phil 2:5-7)
- He resisted the temptation to take a shortcut (Matt 4:8-10)
- He became obedient (Phil 2:8a)
 - To his mother (Luke 2:49-52)
 - To his Father (John 9:4-5)

4 As long as it is day, we must do the work of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. 5 While I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

- He became obedient to death (Matt 26:39)

Jesus fell to the ground too

Matt 26:39

And He went a little beyond them, and fell on His face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; yet not as I will, but as You will."

He fell into the hands of his Father

Isa 53:10

Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise Him; He has put Him to grief.

When You make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days, And the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in His hand.

11 He shall see the labor of His soul, and be satisfied.

By His knowledge My righteous Servant shall justify many, For He shall bear their iniquities.

How do we die?

- In marriage (Eph 5:25)
- In friendships (John 15:13, 1 John 3:16)
- In service of the mission (Php 2:17, Acts 20:24)

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What is your choice?



Set your eyes on joy

Heb 12:2

Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. 3 Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.