

THE GREAT I AM

THE EIGHT I AM STATEMENTS OF JESUS

WEEKLY WORSHIP TOOLS

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PURPOSE AND SUGGESTED USE

Crosspoint Church has set out to produce an issue of *Weekly Worship Tools* for the encouragement and resourcing of our church body each week. Each Saturday, this guide is published with the hope that it will aid you in being transformed by the gospel and living daily on mission.

This document is structured in two categories: weekend resources and weekday resources. Sundays we gather for Corporate Worship and sit under the teaching of the Word of God as we fellowship together. The first guide listed in the Table of Contents below, "Prepare for Worship," is produced to stir our meditation on the passage to be preached, causing us to prepare our hearts for the message on Sunday. Additionally, we have provided you with a basic outline of the "Sermon Notes" to guide your attention and participation with the Pastor as he works through the message. Furthermore, a set of lyric sheets have been added following the "Prepare for Worship" for your convenience as you join in worship through song on Sunday morning.

A Sermon Discussion Guide and a Daily Worship Guide are provided for individual or household worship through the week. The focus of Monday is an opportunity to look back at the Scripture preached on Sunday. Tuesday brings in a related New Testament scriptural focus. Each Wednesday we will read an Old Testament passage that connects to what is being communicated through our sermon Scripture. Thursday's focus is observing a Psalm that relates to this passage and our immediate context. Fridays begin looking forward to the coming Sunday as we observe the Scripture passage for the coming Corporate Worship gathering.

It is recommended that you use this set of tools alongside your Bible with a way to record any notes, insights, or questions (i.e. in a journal, word doc, etc.) you may have while you study.

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PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

Last Sunday, Pastor Jeremy Chasteen preached from John 14:1-12, where Jesus tells his disciples: “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me” (John 14:6). We considered the truth that Jesus prepares and reveals the way to the Father.

Read: John 15:1-11

This Sunday, Pastor Jason Finley will wrap up our series through the I Am statements of Jesus with a sermon from John 15:1-11, where Jesus says, “I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing” (John 15:5). As you prepare your heart for our gathering this Sunday, let this devotional from John Piper move you to further dependence upon Christ in all things, for apart from him, we can do nothing.

Reflect: “We Can Do Nothing”

Suppose you are totally paralyzed and can do nothing for yourself but talk. And suppose a strong and reliable friend promised to live with you and do whatever you needed done. How could you glorify this friend if a stranger came to see you?

Would you glorify his generosity and strength by trying to get out of bed and carry him? No! You would say, “Friend, please come lift me up, and would you put a pillow behind me so I can look at my guest? And would you please put my glasses on for me?”

And so your visitor would learn from your requests that you are helpless and that your friend is strong and kind. You glorify your friend by needing him, and by asking him for help, and counting on him.

In John 15:5, Jesus says, “Apart from me you can do nothing.” So we really are paralyzed. Without Christ, we are capable of no Christ-exalting good. As Paul says in Romans 7:18 “Nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh.”

But John 15:5 also says that God does intend for us to do much Christ-exalting good, namely bear fruit: “Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit.” So as our strong and reliable friend — “I have called you friends” (John 15:15) — he promises to do for us, and through us, what we can’t do for ourselves.

PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

How then do we glorify him? Jesus gives the answer in John 15:7: “If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.” We *pray*! We ask God to do for us through Christ what we can’t do for ourselves — bear fruit.

John 15:8 gives the result: “By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit.”

So how is God glorified by prayer? Prayer is the open admission that without Christ we can do nothing. And prayer is the turning away from ourselves to God in the confidence that he will provide the help we need.

“We Can Do Nothing,” Devotional by John Piper, desiringgod.org.

Sing: Song List for Sunday

1. “Life Defined,” by Shane & Shane
2. “I Need Thee Every Hour,” Arr. Fernando Ortega
3. “Yet Not I but Through Christ in Me,” by CityAlight

SONG LYRICS

"LIFE DEFINED"

Shane & Shane

(Verse 1)

Be my life oh I surrender
One day is better with You than all the world
Oh Spirit of Life help me remember
That it is my pleasure to say to You

(Chorus)

(Be) all I am my life defined
By I've been crucified with Christ
The life I live I live by faith
In Jesus Christ who lives in me

(Verse 2)

When my heart grows cold and my flesh is failing
The Spirit is willing to point me back to You
For to live is Christ and to die is better
Help me remember my song to You is

(Bridge)

Remember His atoning His body broken for me
Remember His approval He gave His life to say so
Remember His appealing my Lord is interceding
Remember if you have breath
To breath it out and praise Him

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SONG LYRICS

"I NEED THEE EVERY HOUR" Fernando Ortega

(Verse 1)

I need Thee every hour
Most gracious Lord
No tender voice like Thine
Can peace afford

(Chorus)

I need Thee O I need Thee
Every hour I need Thee
O bless me now my Savior
I come to Thee

(Verse 2)

I need Thee every hour
Stay Thou near by
Temptations lose their pow'r
When Thou art nigh

(Verse 3)

I need Thee every hour
In joy or pain
Come quickly and abide
Or life is vain

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SONG LYRICS

"YET NOT I BUT THROUGH CHRIST IN ME" CityAlight

(Verse 1)

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom
My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine
Yet not I but through Christ in me

(Verse 2)

The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side the Saviour he will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need his power is displayed
To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley he will lead
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome
Yet not I but through Christ in me

(Verse 3)

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven
The future sure the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And he was raised to overthrow the grave
To this I hold my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free
Yet not I but through Christ in me

(Verse 4)

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For he has said that he will bring me home
And day by day I know he will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to him
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me

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SERMON NOTES

I AM THE TRUE VINE

John 15:1-11

Big Idea: True disciples abide in Jesus.

1. Why abide in Jesus?

a. Because Jesus did what we could never do.

[1] "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser".

Psalm 80:7-19

b. Because without Jesus we are incapable of living a fruitful life.

[2] Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit.

[4] Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. [5] I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

c. Because without Jesus we have no hope for eternity

[2] Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away.... [6] If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned.

SERMON NOTES

I AM THE TRUE VINE

John 15:1-11

2. How can you abide in Jesus? (vv. 7-11)

a. Stay and enjoy

i. Begins with belief

[3] Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you.

ii. Sustained by Scripture

[7] If you abide in me, and my words abide in you,

iii. Demonstrated in prayer

[7] If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

iv. Glorifies the Father

[8] By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.

Isaiah 27:6: In days to come Jacob shall take root, Israel shall blossom and put forth shoots and fill the whole world with fruit.

v. Multiplied by love and obedience

[9] As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. [10] If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love.

vi. Leads to joy despite circumstances

[11] These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

[2] Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit.



Sermon Notes



What book of the Bible are we learning from?

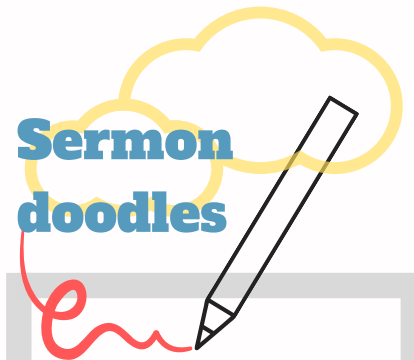


Who's preaching this morning?

What is the big idea of the sermon?

Write down two things that stand out to you from today's sermon.

Did you learn anything new about God, people, or salvation?



SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

OBJECTIVES

1. Pursue growth together.
2. Care for and connect with one another.
3. Understand how true disciples abide in Jesus.

DISCUSS

- The word “abide” is common in Christian circles but less popular in the general society. What does it mean to abide? What might be some non-spiritual ways that people abide? [binging on TV programs or video games, overworking at a job, excessive time spent in romantic relationships]
- Read John 15:1-11. What encouraged, convicted, or helped you from this week’s message and passage?
- What is the relationship you see here between the vine and the vinedresser?
- How does this passage inform our understanding of abiding? How might God’s commitment to your fruit-bearing change how you respond to different events in your life?
- Describe the difference between obedience to earn love and obedience as evidence of love.
- How do verses 9-11 help us understand what it means to ‘abide in Jesus?’

Consider using the following questions for personal reflection and planning. Gather with a prayer partner and ask the Lord for grace to help you abide in Him.

- What is one way you feel you are abiding well in Christ?
- What is one way you want to grow in abiding in Christ?
- How may your Small Group help you grow in this?
- What is one thing that a person you know does to abide in Christ?
- How will you seek to abide in Christ this week?

DAILY WORSHIP GUIDE

For Individual or Household Worship

MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 2020

TRUE DISCIPLES ABIDE IN JESUS

Jesus teaches that those who are truly His disciples will abide in Him. This ultimately leads to love, obedience, and great joy found in Christ.

READ: John 15:1-11

- What does Jesus imply in this text about the way those who follow Him live? (vv. 4-6)
- How does abiding in Jesus identify one as His disciple?
- What is the result of abiding in Jesus as described in this text? (vv. 7-11)
- Are you abiding in Jesus right now? If not, what would have to change for you to say that you are abiding in Jesus?
- What steps do you need to take today to abide more fully in Jesus?

PRAY

- Praise God for Jesus our Savior, who loves us and in whom we can have fullness of joy.
- Confess ways in which you are not abiding in Jesus. Repent of any sin you see in your heart that is keeping you from abiding.
- Ask for grace to abide more fully in Christ.

SING: "O, For a Closer Walk With God," by Keith & Kristyn Getty

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e7PdQRbzKgU>)

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TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2020

THE LORD DISCIPLINES THE ONE HE LOVES

Though often difficult to bear in the moment, discipline is for our good. Much like the pruning activity of someone seeking to improve the overall health of the tree, the Lord disciplines His sons and daughters in Christ, that they would share in His holiness.

READ: Hebrews 12:4-11

- How has your own experience of earthly discipline shaped your perspective and attitude towards discipline from God?
- What comparisons does the author draw between parental discipline and God's activity in the life of His followers? To whom does this passage refer to as receiving the Lord's discipline? (vv. 5-7)
- What purpose does discipline from God accomplish?
- How does such discipline accomplish this purpose? (vv. 10-11)
- What encouragement does this passage give to those who are suffering or experiencing trial in this season?

PRAY

- Thank the Lord for His fatherly care shown toward you.
- Ask for continued growth in submission to His discipline and for the "peaceful fruit of righteousness" in your life as you are trained.

SING: "What Love Is This [Everlasting Love]," by Stuart Townend

(video - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jQ_-7QPKa4)

(lyrics - <https://www.stuarttownend.co.uk/song/everlasting-love/>)

DAILY WORSHIP GUIDE

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2020

THE LORD PRUNES HIS CHURCH

Just as a vineyard owner doesn't let his crop grow thorns and thistles, being left unpruned, the Lord expects good fruit to bear from the seed He plants. Israel here is the focus of the vineyard analogy. The Lord planted Israel and tended them like a vine so that they would produce fruit. But their wickedness yielded bad fruit. However, the Lord does not leave His church in disrepair—rather, He prunes it and tends it for their good.

READ: Isaiah 5:1-7

- How does this passage describe the vineyard? Reread v. 7 - how are we to understand the vineyard in this passage?
- What sort of grapes does the vineyard yield? Why is that observation important?
- Is this an Old Testament passage or a New Testament passage? How does Christ fulfill what Israel could not?

PRAY

- Praise the Lord for the coming of Christ and his fulfillment of what no other could do.
- Ask the Lord to help you daily abide in His Word and truth.

SING: "Abide With Me," by Matt Redan

(https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=476_PgSf2jQ)

DAILY WORSHIP GUIDE

For Individual or Household Worship

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6, 2020

THE MAN AT GOD'S RIGHT HAND RESTORES THE VINE

In this psalm of lament, God is asked to save the nation of Israel. The common refrain is for God to restore His wounded people. While the people have turned from God, the psalmist knows that God is great enough to bring them back. This restoration will be realized when “the man of your right hand” is reigning over God’s people.

READ: Psalm 80:7-19

- The vine discussed in this passage is the nation of Israel. In what ways is the vine described in verses 8-11? What happened to the vine in verses 12-13? Why did God allow this to happen?
- In verses 14-18 the Psalmist pleads for God to restore Israel. “The man of your right hand, the son of man” is probably referring to an Israelite king who would signal the nation returning to its proper place. How does Jesus as the King return His people to their proper place?
- While the vine of Psalm 80 is wayward, we know from John 15 that Jesus is the true vine. What in your life is causing you to need restoration with King Jesus? What is one way you can seek to abide in the true vine?

PRAY

- Thank God that He protects those who abide in the true vine and guarantees their salvation and final deliverance.
- Confess a sin that is common to your wayward heart.
- Ask God to increase your desire to obey the true King and abide in the true vine.

SING: “The Lord is My Salvation,” by Keith & Kristyn Getty

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kyLL04p0ms8>)

DAILY WORSHIP GUIDE

For Individual or Household Worship

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7, 2020

HOPE IN THE ONLY SAVIOR

Paul is writing to his protege about how to shepherd a church. Paul knows that all Christians, including ministers, are tempted to set their hope in many places besides Christ. Timothy is reminded that believers should pray for their human leaders, but live for and hope in the only true Savior.

READ: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

- According to verse 5, where are Christians supposed to place their hope? Why are they to do this according to verse 6?
- As believers abide in the hope of Christ, what are the actions Paul lists that demonstrate you are connected to the true vine (Jesus)?
- Paul knew he was called to share Christ with those different from him (verse 7). How can the truths of verses 4-6 encourage you to share about the true vine (Jesus) with others?

PRAY

- That Christ for his work to make the way for people to be reconciled to God. Thank God for His concern for you and for all people.
- Pray for our government officials to lead well and to allow Christians the opportunity to live peaceful lives.
- Pray for God to strengthen your main hope to be in Jesus. Also ask for the opportunity to share that hope with others.

SING: "Savior King," by Hillsong Worship

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F-QQn1uGi0k>)