



"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener.

He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful.

You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you.

Remain in me, as I also remain in you.

No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.



"I am the vine; you are the branches.

If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me, you can do nothing.

If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

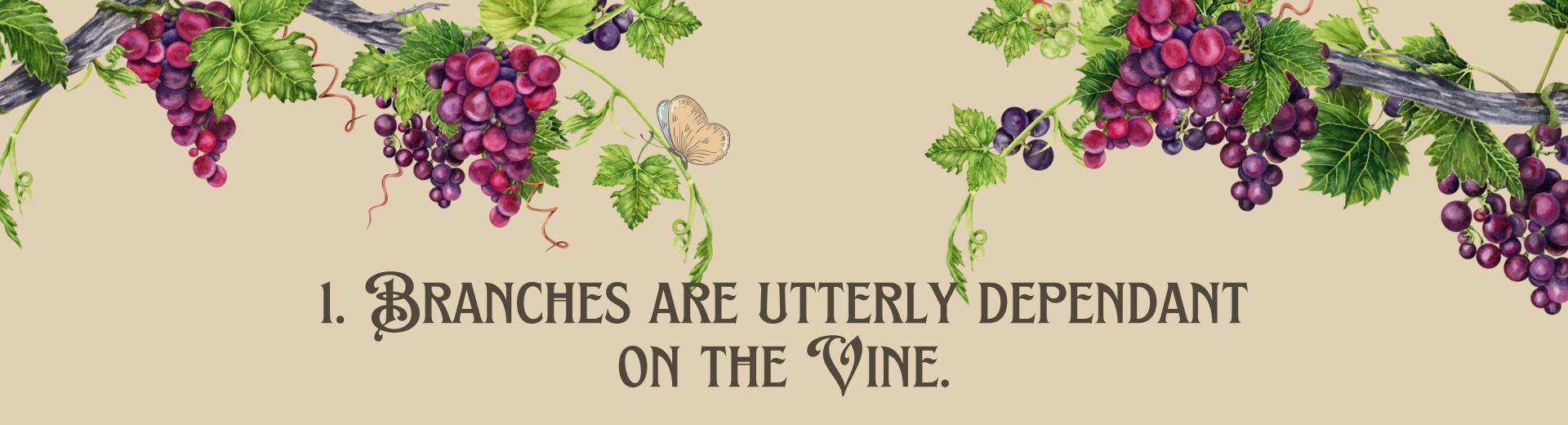
This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

VINE: KNOWN TO BE THE SOURCE OF SUSTENANCE, THE VINE IS THE LIFE OF THE BRANCHES



BRANCHES: DEPEND ON THE VINE FOR LIFE, WHICH IN TURN BEARS FRUIT

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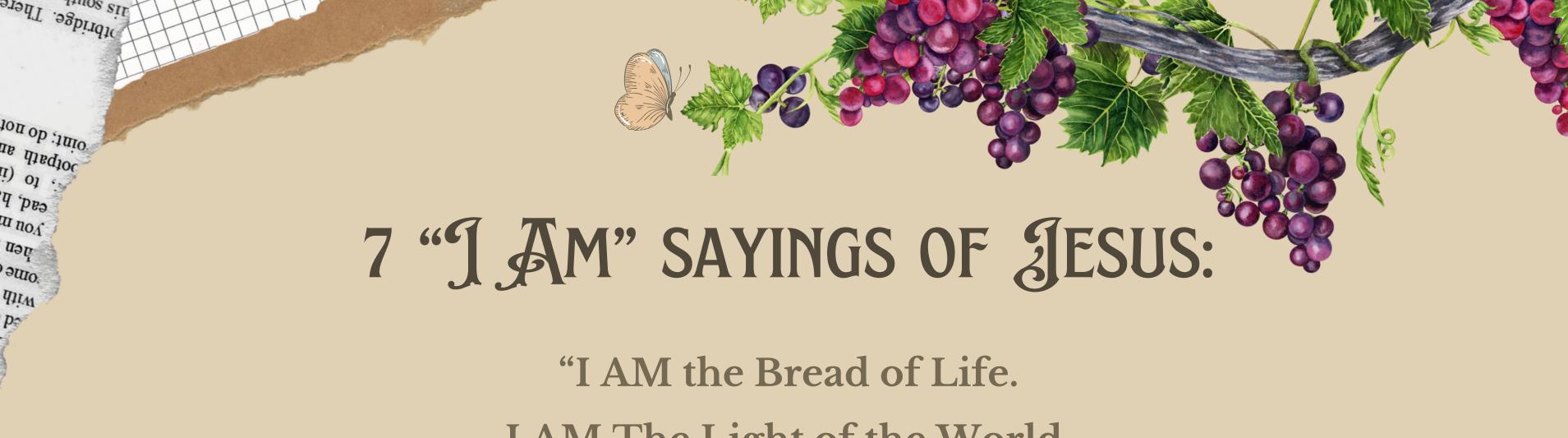
"He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing."

The word abide occurs ten times in the first eleven verses of John 15.

The Greek noun is mone, meaning more than a dwelling place; it has to do with a relationship and not a physical location.



"People who associate themselves with Jesus and His people and put on a facade of faith in Him but even though they may appear to be connected to Christ, their association is superficial."



I AM The Light of the World.

I AM the Door.

I AM the Resurrection and the Life.

I am the True Vine.

I AM the Way, The Truth, and The Life.

And lastly, I AM the Good Shepherd."