

I AM  
I am the True Vine  
April 5, 2020

**John 15:1-5** “I am the true grapevine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch of mine that doesn’t produce fruit, and he prunes the branches that do bear fruit so they will produce even more. You have already been pruned and purified by the message I have given you. Remain in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me. **Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing.**”

**Key Thought:** When your \_\_\_\_\_ with God is weak, you will be \_\_\_\_\_ too.

#### 4 Keys to a Strong Connection with God

1. Living, Not \_\_\_\_\_

**John 15:5** “Those who remain in me, and I in them...”

2. Nothing on the \_\_\_\_\_

**John 15:1** “I am the true grapevine, and my Father is the gardener...”

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

**Galatians 5:22-23** "But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness,

faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!"

**Question:** Is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the spirit active in my life?

**Key Thought:** His job is to \_\_\_\_\_, our job is to \_\_\_\_\_.

**Hebrews 12:1-2** “Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, **let us strip off every weight that slows us down**, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us. **We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus**, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith. Because of the joy awaiting him, he endured the cross, disregarding its shame. Now he is seated in the place of honor beside God’s throne.”

#### Do you feel burnt out?

**Isaiah 40:28-31** "Have you never heard? Have you never understood? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of all the earth. He never grows weak or weary. No one can measure the depths of his understanding. He gives power to the weak and strength to the powerless. Even youths will become weak and tired, and young men will fall in exhaustion. But those who trust in the Lord **will find new strength**. They will **soar high on wings like eagles**. They will **run and not grow weary**. They will **walk and not faint**.”

**Jeremiah 17:7-8** “But blessed are those who trust in the Lord and have made the Lord their hope and confidence. They are like trees planted along a riverbank, with roots that reach deep into the water. Such trees are **not bothered** by the heat or worried by long months of drought. **Their leaves stay green**, and they **never stop producing fruit**.”

Walk Away – Jesus is the only \_\_\_\_\_ worth connecting to.