

I AM The Vine

KEY IDEAS:

- 1. Abide in Jesus: Remain continuously connected to Jesus.
- **2. Make God's love your home:** Identify yourself as one radically loved by God.
- **3. Embrace loving others as your primary calling in life:** Imitate Jesus' sacrificial love.

APPLICATION:

How can we learn to remain continuously connected to Jesus?

- Obey Jesus' commands: Obedience allows us to abide (vs. 10).
- Embrace Weakness: Reject the lie of self-sufficiency.
- Retrain your attention: Be in two places at once.
- Moderate Screen-time: Screens become blades that sever connection.
- Turn your self-talk into "god-talk": Treat your day like one big conversation with Jesus.
- Meditate on His love (and your belovedness): Cling to His love.

- 1 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. 2 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. 3 You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. 4 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.
- ⁵ "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. ⁶ 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. ⁷ If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.
- ? "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. ¹¹ I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. ¹² My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command. ¹⁵ I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. ¹⁷ This is my command: Love each other.

John 15:1-17

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