
Time with Jesus

The Roots

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. 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. 3 Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. 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. 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. 7 If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

8 By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. 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. 11 These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

12 “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. 13 Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. 14 You are my friends if you do what I command you. 15 No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you.

16 You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. 17 These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

John 15:1-17 (ESV)

Today's Roadmap

- How good soil sets us up for success
 - Why spend time with God?
 - How do we spend time with God?
 - The fruit that comes from our time with God
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Fundamental gospel realities...

- We're loved by God
- Jesus calls you his friend
- He has made you clean
- Apart from Him you can do nothing
- God's will is simple
- God wants to answer your prayers
- Fruit is a byproduct of abiding



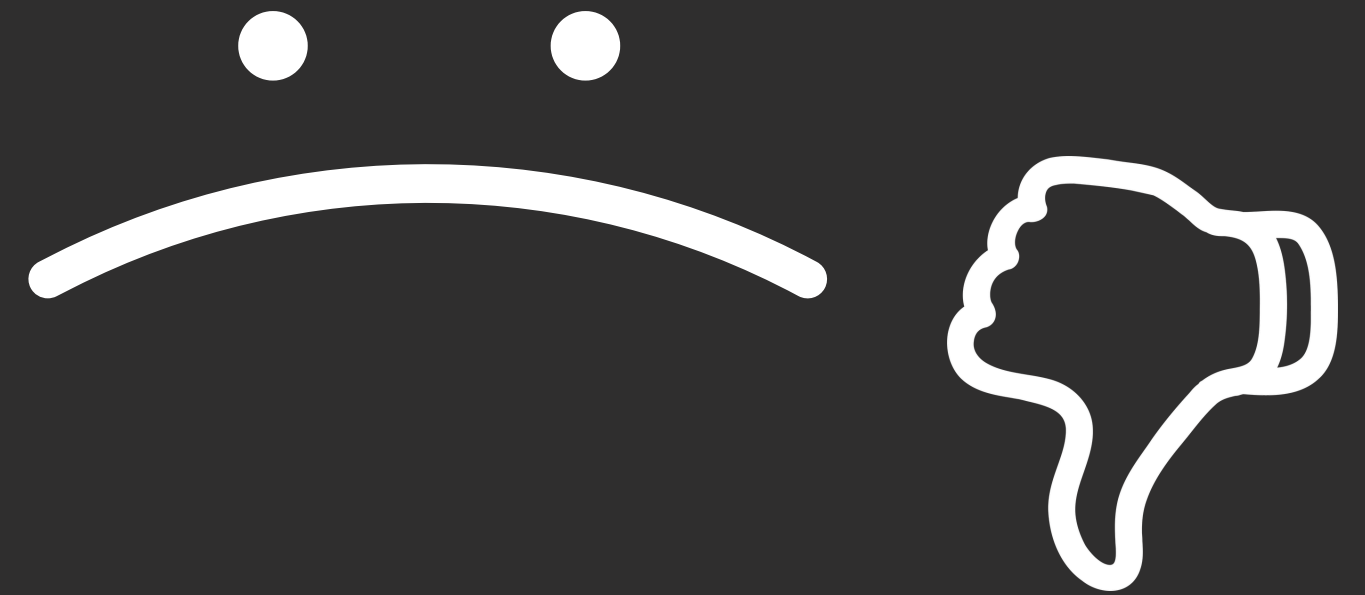
Fundamental gospel realities...

- He wants our joy to be full
- It's all about relationship



The inverse...

- We have to earn God's love
- We're just God's servants
- We are filthy, covered in shame
- We're left on our own
- God's will is elusive and unattainable
- God doesn't see or doesn't care about your pains, worries, needs, and desires



The inverse...

- Fruit comes by striving and earning
- Following Jesus is somber
- God is distant; we only get intimacy if we're good enough (which we never are)



**Are you enjoying
Jesus?**

Why do we spend time with God?

- All the reasons already discussed earlier!
 - Jesus spent time with the Father
 - Time with God is the most fundamental of the “roots”
 - It keeps us steady in our faith
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How we spend time with God?

- Thanksgiving and Worship
 - Scripture
 - Devotional
 - Study
 - Prayer
 - Intercession (asking)
 - Listening
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The fruit we get

- Intimacy with God
 - Washed from our sin
 - Answered prayers
 - God is glorified
 - Knowing we're loved
 - Joy made full
 - Holiness and transformation
 - Effective witness
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Response

- *God, am I enjoying you?*
 - *God, how has my time with you been lately?*
 - *God, is there anything you want me to do or change in regards to my time alone with you?*
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