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"I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

John 15:5 (NIV)

Foundations of Connecting With Christ

-Jesus Enjoys You.

-Jesus <u>Forgives</u> You.

-Jesus Speaks To You.

How To Connect With Christ

1. Begin Your Day On Your Knees

O God, You are my God; Early will I seek You; My soul thirsts for You; My flesh longs for You in a dry and thirsty land where there is no water.

Psalm 63:1 (NKJV)

Each morning I bring my requests to you and wait expectantly.

Psalm 5:3 (NLT)

2. Look For Divine Interruptions

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

John 15:2 (NIV)

What you must solemnly realize is that every time you eat this bread and every time you drink this cup, you reenact in your words and actions the death of the Master. You will be drawn back to this meal again and again until the Master returns. You must never let familiarity breed contempt.

1 Corinthians 11:26 (MSG)

3. Recharge Your <u>Heart</u>

You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in me, and I will 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.

John 15:3-4 (NIV)

Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed. Luke 5:16 (NIV)

Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work: If one falls down, his friend can help him up. But pity the man who falls and has no one to help him up!

Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 (NIV)

Lord, when doubts fill my mind, when my heart is in turmoil, quiet me and give me renewed hope and cheer. Psalm 94:19 (TLB)