



Experiencing God





And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God,
and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

John 17:3



**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.**

John 15:5

Jesus is the vine

We are the branches

We abide in him

He abides in us

Apart from him we can do nothing

Jesus is the vine

He is the vine, therefor I am not

He is stronger



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Jesus is the vine

He is the vine, therefor I am not

He is stronger

He gives me life

Jesus is the vine

We are the branches

We abide in him

He abides in us

Apart from him we can do nothing

We are the branches

I am dependent on Jesus for life

Jesus is the vine

We are the branches

We abide in him

He abides in us

Apart from him we can do nothing

We abide in him

To be connected to Jesus is life, and unconnected is death

We abide in Jesus by knowing His words

We abide in Jesus by obeying Him

John 15:10 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.
John 15:7 If you abide in my words, the deeds that I have done for my Father, you will also do. Ask, and you will receive, and your joy will be complete.
John 15:9 If you love me, you will keep my commandments. I will send the Holy Spirit to you, who will abide with you and be in you, and he will testify that I have loved you and abide in my love.

Jesus is the vine

We are the branches

We abide in him

He abides in us

Apart from him we can do nothing

He abides in us

He is ingrained to us

He abides in us through the Holy Spirit

John 14:16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with

John 14:23 Jesus answered him, "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.

Jesus is the vine

We are the branches

We abide in him

He abides in us

Apart from him we can do nothing

Apart from him we can do nothing

We produce no fruit

We either get pruned

John 15:2 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.

Apart from him we can do nothing

We produce no fruit

We either get pruned

Or thrown into the fire

John 15:6 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 Realities of Experiencing God

1. God is always at work.
2. God pursues a love relationship with me.
3. God invites me into His work.
4. God reveals Himself, His purpose, and His ways to me.
5. God's invitation will lead me to a crisis of belief.
6. I must make major adjustments to join God.
7. I will come to know God by experience as I obey him.



Discipleship Cues

1. How well are you abiding in Jesus?
2. What's your current plan to abide in Jesus and how's that going? What, if anything, needs to change?
3. Where do you see God at work in or around you?



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