



# We Remain

JOHN 15

## Are You Connected to the Vine?

John 15:1-2 | June 7, 2026

*"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener."*

—John 15:1

Jesus declared, "I am the true vine," the night before His crucifixion.

This statement connects to God's revelation of Himself as

"I AM" (YAHWEH) to Moses in Exodus 3:14.

### The Seven "I am" Statements from Jesus

1. "I am the bread of life." — John 6:35
2. "I am the light of the world." — John 8:12
3. "I am the gate." — John 10:9
4. "I am the good shepherd." — John 10:11, 14
5. "I am the resurrection and the life." — John 11:25
6. "I am the way, the truth, and the life." — John 14:6
7. "I am the true vine." — John 15:1

The most important question we can ask ourselves: **Am I connected to the vine?**

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Connect Class: June 14

HS Move: June 21 to 26

Senior Adult Cookout & Potluck: July 1 at 11:00 AM

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# STUDY QUESTIONS

## GETTING STARTED:

What's your favorite movie sequel? Why do sequels often fail to live up to the original?

## A DEEPER DIVE:

- » Why is the phrase "I AM" so significant when Jesus uses it? How does it connect to God's revelation to Moses in the burning bush (Exodus 3:14)?
- » In John 8:58-59, the religious leaders tried to stone Jesus for saying, "Before Abraham was born, I am!" Why did this claim make them so angry? What was Jesus really saying about Himself?
- » What void is humanity trying to fill? Name some modern "idols."
- » **"I am the bread of life" (John 6:35).** What "hungers" do people try to satisfy with things other than Jesus? Share a time when an achievement or possession left you feeling empty.
- » **"I am the light of the world" (John 8:12).** In what areas of your life do you need clarity or direction right now? How does Jesus provide light in a confusing world?
- » **"I am the gate" (John 10:9).** What does it mean that Jesus is the only way to safety and salvation? How does our culture respond to this exclusive claim?
- » **"I am the good shepherd" (John 10:11, 14).** What's the difference between being "seen from a distance" and being "truly known?" How does it feel to know Jesus knows you by name?
- » **"I am the resurrection and the life" (John 11:25).** How does Jesus' claim to be the resurrection change the way we face death and loss?
- » **"I am the way, the truth, and the life" (John 14:6).** This is often considered controversial in our pluralistic culture. How can we share this truth with both conviction and compassion?
- » **"I am the true vine" (John 15:1).** What does it mean to remain connected to the vine versus just being near it?
- » Have you ever experienced a season where you were close to Jesus but not truly connected? What did that look like?

## NEXT STEPS:

Choose one of the following to practice this week:

**Daily Connection**—Spend 10 minutes each morning this week reading John 15:1-17. Journal about what it means to "remain" in Jesus that day. What does connection look like in your daily routine?

**Examine Your Connection**—Take an honest inventory: Are you connected to the vine or just near it? If you're not sure you've ever truly surrendered your life to Jesus, talk to your group leader or pastor this week.