



THE VINE | JOHN LALGEE
CHURCH METAPHORS

METAPHOR:

A metaphor is an object or item introduced because it carries some significantly similar characteristic to that which we want to describe or explain.

THE FAMILY (RELATIONAL)

THE HOUSE OF GOD (CONSTRUCTIONAL)

THE VINE (AGRICULTURAL)

THE ARMY (MARTIAL)

THE BODY (ANATOMICAL)

THE BRIDE (COVENANTAL)

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1. *WORSHIPING GOD*

2. *TRAINING AND EQUIPPING
BELIEVERS*

3. *BRINGING GOOD NEWS TO THE
WORLD*

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So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it,

GENESIS 1:27-28



“Hear then the parable of the sower: When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path.

MATTHEW 13:18-19



As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away.

MATTHEW 13:20-21



As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

MATTHEW 13:22-23



“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. 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. Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. 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.

JOHN 15:1-4



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



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. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.

JOHN 15:6-8



As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. 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. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

JOHN 15:9-11



“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you.

JOHN 15:12-14



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. 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. These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

JOHN 15:15-17





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Whoever believes in me, as the
Scripture has said, 'Out of his
heart will flow rivers of living
water.'

JOHN 7:38



In the morning, as he was returning to the city, he became hungry. And seeing a fig tree by the wayside, he went to it and found nothing on it but only leaves. And he said to it, “May no fruit ever come from you again!” And the fig tree withered at once. When the disciples saw it, they marveled, saying, “How did the fig tree wither at once?”

MATTHEW 21:18-20



And Jesus answered them, “Truly, I say to you, if you have faith and do not doubt, you will not only do what has been done to the fig tree, but even if you say to this mountain, ‘Be taken up and thrown into the sea,’ it will happen. And whatever you ask in prayer, you will receive, if you have faith.”

MATTHEW 21:21-22





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