

## Poured Out

### In Presence

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#### John 15: 1-7, 12-20, 26-27

1 *"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. 2 He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. 3 You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. 4 Remain in me, as I also 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.*

5 *"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. 6 If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. 7 If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.*

12 *My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. 13 Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. 14 You are my friends if you do what I command. 15 I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. 16 You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. 17 This is my command: Love each other. 18 "If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first. 19 If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you. 20 Remember what I told you: 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted me, they will persecute you also. If they obeyed my teaching, they will obey yours also.*

26 *"When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father—the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father—he will testify about me. 27 And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning.*

#### Outline for the Message

- **Exalting: Jesus with the Father**
- **Pruning: The Father with Jesus' Followers**
- **Abiding: Jesus' Followers with Jesus**
- **Loving: Jesus' Followers with One Another**
- **Enduring: Jesus' Followers with the World**
- **Testifying: The Holy Spirit with Jesus' Followers**

## 1. Exalting

Jesus lifts up the Father

<sup>1</sup> *"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener.*

## 2. Pruning

The Father is constantly refining His work through followers of Jesus.

<sup>2</sup> *He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful.*

## 3. Abiding

Only when we remain in Jesus do our lives produce anything with eternal value.

<sup>4</sup> *Remain in me, as I also 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. <sup>5</sup> "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.*

## 4. Loving

Jesus could not be more clear that our primary example for the world is in how his followers love one another.

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## 5. Enduring

Followers of Jesus should expect to endure persecution and even hatred from the world.

<sup>18</sup> *"If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first. <sup>19</sup> If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world.*

## 6. Testifying

The world will know Jesus only to the degree that His followers show Jesus to them!

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### **The Big Takeaways**

- Jesus’ mission of spreading the Gospel to all corners of the world is accomplished as the presence of God is poured out to, in, among and through His followers.
- As we follow the example of Christ in exalting God by submitting to His pruning and we abide in Christ, we show Jesus to the world by loving one another, enduring persecution and testifying about Him.