



## I Am The Vine

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“I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides (remains) in Me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, *for apart from Me you can do nothing.*”

1. He loves me (us) too much not too little. (John 15:1-2)
2. Without Jesus ... I (we) can do nothing. (John 15:3-5)
3. The evidence of Christian faith is the Spirit's fruit stand. (John 15:6-11)
4. Our unexpected love from, and friendship with, Jesus. (John 15:12-17)

### Group/Family/Personal Study Questions

“Jesus invites us to make ourselves at home in His love for us, which is a love just as large as His Father's love for Him. This fact should overwhelm us.” Dale Bruner

1. Is there anyone you love so much you won't let them drift/wander? Explain.
2. What do plants and trees need in order to produce fruits or vegetables?
3. Why do farmers/orchardists cut, prune, thin, distress their plants/trees?
4. What are the ways God has cut, pruned, thinned you? Why did He do/allow that?
5. When Jesus said we can do nothing apart from Him, what did/does that mean?
6. Can you tell if someone is a Christian? What evidence is there of Christian faith?
7. What does it mean that Jesus calls us His friends? Describe several ways you know others love you? How have you loved others (friends, God, enemies) this past week?

### Reflection/Action:

Spend fifteen minutes in silence and prayer. Read through the passage (John 15:1-16) again. Can others see evidence of Christian faith in your life (Fruit)? Read Galatians 5:22-23. Do you see any of these “fruits” growing in your life? Why or why not?