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<p>Our Life Demonstrates Our Love, Passion, And Commitment To The Object Of Our Worship.</p> <p>Matthew 6:33</p> <p>But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.</p>	<p>JESUS IS... The Gospel Of John</p>
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John 15:1–11

“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. 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. 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. 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.”

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ABIDING DEMONSTRATED (vs. 1-11)

The True Vine

- Old Testament connection
 - God’s covenant with Israel
Isaiah 5:1-7; Isaiah 27:2-6; Jeremiah 2:21
 - Israel failed to maintain their covenant
- Jesus is the true vine
 - Bringing salvation to all people
 - The connection between the Father and mankind
 - Jesus never fails



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ABIDING DEMONSTRATED (vs. 1-11)

The True Vine

The Vinedresser

- God the Father
- Spurs on the ability to produce more fruit
 - Takes away (lifts up) non-productive branches
 - Prunes productive to create more fruit

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ABIDING DEMONSTRATED (vs. 1-11)

The True Vine

The Vinedresser

The Branches

- Believers and followers of Jesus
- Imitators of Christ
- Christ makes the branch clean giving the ability to abide

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ABIDING DEMONSTRATED (vs. 1-11)

The True Vine

The Vinedresser

The Branches

Instructed to Abide

- Abide – stay with, intimacy with God
- Abiding is the only way a branch (believer) can bear much fruit

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ABIDING DEMONSTRATED (vs. 1-11)

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The Branches

Instructed to Abide

Failure to Abide

- Rejection of Christ
- Can do NOTHING
- Taken away and burned

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ABIDING DEMONSTRATED (vs. 1-11)

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The Vinedresser

The Branches

Instructed to Abide

Failure to Abide

Promise for Abiding

- Ask, it will be done, God will be glorified
- Father loves the Son... the Son loves you... abide in love
- Love one another as Christ loves you
- Christ joy may be in you... AND that your joy may be FULL

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PRACTICAL APPLICATION

Prayers God Will Answer:

- **Make me hunger and thirsty for Your Word**
- **Give me compassion for those around me**
- **Give me wisdom**
- **Give me boldness and clarity in sharing the gospel**
- **Help me to forgive others as You forgive me**
- **Teach me to abide in You**

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John 15:12–17

“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. 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.”

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LOVE DEMONSTRATED (vs. 12-17)

As Jesus

- Jesus and others
- Jesus and those who rejected Him
- Jesus and the disciples
- Jesus our sacrifice



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LOVE DEMONSTRATED (vs. 12-17)

As Jesus

Jesus Our Friend

- We are friends with Jesus when we obey Him
- Our actions to follow His command are driven by love, not obligation
- No longer an enemy of God and the cross
- Christ poured into the disciples the message of God

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LOVE DEMONSTRATED (vs. 12-17)

As Jesus

Jesus Our Friend

Jesus Choose You

- You do not naturally follow God
- You are chosen
- You are able to abide and bear fruit because of God

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LOVE DEMONSTRATED (vs. 12-17)

As Jesus

Jesus Our Friend

Jesus Choose You

Asking And Receiving

- Repeat of verse 7
- Abiding and loving required to know the will of God
- Love one another

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PRACTICAL APPLICATION

- **To Truly Demonstrate God's Love, You Must First Know His Love Personally**
- **The Closer And More Frequently You Abide, The More Intune You Are With God's Will**

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John 15:18–16:4

“If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. Remember the word that I said to you: ‘A servant is not greater than his master.’ If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you. If they kept my word, they will also keep yours. But all these things they will do to you on account of my name, because they do not know him who sent me. If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not have been guilty of sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin. Whoever hates me hates my Father also. If I had not done among them the works that no one else did, they would not be guilty of sin, but now they have seen and hated both me and my Father. But the word that is written in their Law must be fulfilled: ‘They hated me without a cause.’

“But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me. And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning.

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John 15:18–16:4

“I have said all these things to you to keep you from falling away. They will put you out of the synagogues. Indeed, the hour is coming when whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God. And they will do these things because they have not known the Father, nor me. But I have said these things to you, that when their hour comes you may remember that I told them to you. “I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you.”

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HATE DEMONSTRATED (vs. 15:18-16:4)

Conflict With The World

- Hates Jesus = will hate you
 - Avoid this hate by being in the world... and disconnected from Jesus
 - You cannot abide in Jesus and the world
- Persecution promised
 - Jesus was persecuted
 - Expect persecutions

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HATE DEMONSTRATED (vs. 15:18-16:4)

Conflict With The World

Hearts Exposed

- Truth exposes darkness through spoken word
- Actions demonstrate the light inside that the darkness hates
- Rejected the message of Christ... they are guilty of sin

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HATE DEMONSTRATED (vs. 15:18-16:4)

Conflict With The World

Hearts Exposed

Hate Jesus = Hate God

- Jesus total surrender to the Father
- Jesus manifested the plan of the Father for redemption
- Prophesied the world will have no cause to hate

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HATE DEMONSTRATED (vs. 15:18-16:4)

Conflict With The World

Hearts Exposed

Hate Jesus = Hate God

NOT Alone

- Promise of the Helper (The Holy Spirit)
- Spirit of truth
- Bears witness of Christ
- Empowers believers to bear witness
- Expulsion from the synagogues is coming
 - Root of their religion and former connection to the God

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HATE DEMONSTRATED (vs. 15:18-16:4)

Conflict With The World

Hearts Exposed

Hate Jesus = Hate God

NOT Alone

Wrong Will Seem Right

- Believe they are serving God by killing believers
- Evidence of an unchanged life
- Foretold to build faith

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Fruit Inspection...
What Kind Of Fruit Are You Bearing?
What Is Your Evidence?

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