

Connecting With Jesus

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Our Purpose: To be a community of believers where, no matter who you are, you can experience life change through Jesus Christ.

1 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. 2 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. 3 Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. 4 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. 5 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. 6 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.

—John 15:1-11 (ESV)

5 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 (ESV)

Staying Connected to Jesus is the ONLY WAY to Bear Fruit

...As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me.

—John 15:4 (ESV)

Staying Connected to Jesus GLORIFIES God the Father

John 15:8 (ESV)

8 By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove

to be my disciples.

7 everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.”

—Isaiah 43:7 (ESV)

1. Stay in Jesus' WORDS

7 If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

—John 15:7 (ESV)

A. PRIORITY

B. PREPARE

C. PLACE

D. PERSON

2. Stay in Jesus' LOVE

9 As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. 10 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.

—John 15:9-10 (ESV)

10 This is real love—not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins.

—1 John 4:10 (NLT)

3. Stay in Jesus' JOY

11 These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

—John 15:11 (ESV)