

## Scripture:

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.

## Notes:

### Signs of Brokenness

- North Korea Fires Ballistic Missile
- Boulder & Atlanta Shootings
- Senate Leaders Clash Over Election Bill
- Border Crisis Issues
- Daily Reports of Racism
- Christian Persecution Around the Globe
- Moral Failures of Christian Leaders
- Division Among Leading Denominations
- ...and much much more

### The True Vine...Do you abide in Christ?

- The Vine
- The Vinedresser
- Abide

### The Branches... Do you produce/bear fruit?

- He is the Vine, WE are the branches
- Fruit of the Flesh
- Fruit of the Spirit
- Good Works

"Without Jesus you can talk any quantity; but without him you can do nothing. The most eloquent discourse without him will be all a bottle of smoke. You shall

lay your plans, and arrange your machinery, and start your schemes; but without the Lord you will do nothing."

- Charles Spurgeon

The Process... Do you cultivate this relationship?

- Read the word
- Pray
- Obey
- Be Patient

THIS WEEK

1. Read — Get into Scripture and know what God's Word says
2. Pray — Pray the Word. Pray the Lord's Prayer.
3. Act — Do what the Bible says to do?
4. Share — WE are the branches. Who can you share with this week?