

# I AM THE VINE, YOU ARE THE BRANCHES.

JOHN 15:5

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We exist to ignite
a passion in every
person to glorify and
enjoy God everywhere
and in everything.



### SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE 9:00am & 10:30am

"A Table for 5, 6 actually" Jude 22, Galatians 6:1, Luke 15:18, 28, John 15:10

**Pastor James** 

https://youtube.com/live/auU1XudAfm8



#### Little vs All Value

As school...and sports...and for me, Coaching, starts back up, I encountered an interesting podcast and book about the current reality of Youth Sports and Christian parenting. It reminded me of 1 Timothy 4:8,

"for while bodily training is of some value, godliness is of value in every way, as it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come."

To be honest, I think the ESV misses the mark on the first part of that translation by using, "some value" and it's not alone.

A few translations make a stronger statement

LSB/NASB95 – "for bodily training/discipline is only of little profit..."

NASB – "for bodily is just slightly beneficial..."

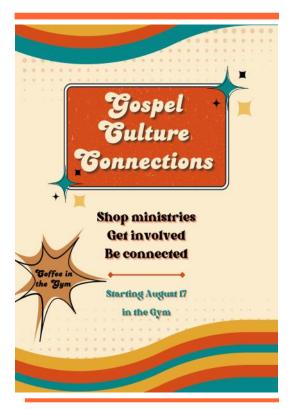
KJV is harshest – "for bodily exercise profiteth little..."

No matter how it's translated it makes the same point, whatever profit is (or isn't) present in physical training (sports!!!), our focus ought to be on the lasting and eternal spiritual training of godliness. The value of godliness is "all" value due to its enduring and purposeful nature.

So don't use this verse to justify your workout! You can however, apply it to your and your kid's involvement in sports and exercise. How is it building godliness and biblical characteristics into your life (or failing to do so) and not just piling wins or gains? That was the point of the podcast/book (*Away Game* by Brian Smith and Ed Uszynski if you'd like to check it out).

As our school calendar, sports calendar, work calendar, travel calendar and whatever calendar we are using starts to fill up, how is it cultivating and revealing the fruit of the spirit in us that "...whatever (we) do, (we) do it to the glory of God." 1 Corinthians 10:31

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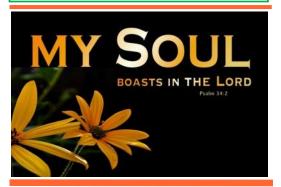
# What to know about Promotion Sunday on August 3

- Your child will move into the next class according to the grade they are entering this school year
- Here are the classes for 2025~2026
   9:00am & 10:30am Services

Nursery—Bonnie Chisum & teacher rotation

2/3/4s preschool combo class Kinders/1st gr. combo class 2nd/3rd/4th gr. combo class 5th/6th gr. combo class

\*Kidz Ministry can always use help. Contact Paula or Farah if you are interested.



## **Announcements**

**KIDZ MINISTRY** needs a teacher one Sunday a month for the preschool class at 10:30am. Please contact **Paula Harter** at paulahrtr7@gmail.com with any questions.



#### Back Lot BBQ...

Calling all men (and sons)! Great time for fellowship and food. Friday, August 8th @ 6pm We will have the BBQ pit fired up and ready to "cook your own" BBQ. Bring all your own meat and fixins, gather around the fire pit, and enjoy a men's night out.







### KICKBACK 2025

Junior High and High School (7th-12th Grades) End of Summer Camp @ Lopez Canyon Conference Grounds

### Youth Baptism on Monday

Cost: \$250 (sign up with a \$100 deposit)

Deposits are Non-Refundable