

*I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. – John 15:5-6*

Nothing works without connection. I've always had an interest in audio/video equipment so every time my family has moved into a new house, my first job is to make sure the entertainment center is properly connected. Because of this, I've collected a vast assortment of cables to get the job done. Each one serves a purpose in making the system work. And sometimes, the cables wear-out and I have to spend time hunting for a new one. Without good connections, nothing will look or sound the way it is intended to.

Staying connected to Jesus is absolutely essential if we are to live and work as his disciples. It is common for me to hear people say things like, "I'm a Christian but I just don't go to church anymore." But the church is the Body of Christ! If you are disconnected from the body, how do you expect to stay spiritually alive? If you are cut-off from the "vine", how do you expect to bear spiritual fruit? We should seek to remain connected to Jesus through the church as if our life depended on it. Because...it does!

Question: What gets in the way of your regular connection to Jesus?