

Message Notes | The God We Need

Part 6: The Vine

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→ Jesus' command: μένετε - **vs. 4, 1-8**

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→ fruit come from faith - **vs. 4, 5, 8**

#4 Grow _____ and fruit will _____.

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1. When the world thinks about Christianity, what kinds of things do they think it is all about? Why?
2. What are some factors that make it challenging to live the way Jesus has called us to live?
3. **Read John 15:1-8.** This was just a few hours before Jesus would be arrested and ultimately crucified. Why would Jesus take time to talk to them about vines and remaining and fruit?
4. What are some "vines" we're tempted to connect to, but can't actually provide identity, peace, or purpose.
In what ways is Jesus the true vine?
5. What does it mean to "remain/abide" in Jesus?
Why is "remaining" so important?
6. Jesus says that when we remain in Him, we bear fruit. What kind of fruit is he talking about?
7. It was mentioned that a babysitter might view children differently than a father because of "relationship." How does understanding our relationship with God through the sacrifice of Jesus change how you approach obedience or serving?
8. What are ways that you intentionally focus on your relationship with Jesus? What is at least one way you could grow in that?

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#4 Grow relationship and fruit will follow.

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Bible Reading for Today

John 15:1-8

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. ² He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. ³ You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. ⁴ Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

⁵ "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. ⁶ If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. ⁷ If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.