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I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. 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. You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. 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.



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. 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. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

John 15:1-8



As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. 11 I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. This is my command: Love each other.



John 15:1-17







- John 13**
- Jesus washes the disciples' feet
 - Jesus predicts his betrayal
 - Jesus predicts Peter's denial
 - Judas leaves

- John 14**
- Jesus says he is the Way, The Truth and The Life
 - Jesus promises the Holy Spirit
 - They leave to go to the garden of Gethsemane

John 15 - Jesus says he is the True Vine

John 18 - Jesus is arrested

John 19 - Jesus crucified





Fruitfulness





God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number..”

Genesis 1:28a

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

Galatians 5:22-23a





...so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might ...and giving joyful thanks to the Father...

Colossians 1:10-12





Jesus - the True Vine







You transplanted a vine from Egypt;
you drove out the nations and planted it.
You cleared the ground for it,
and it took root and filled the land.
The mountains were covered with its shade,
the mighty cedars with its branches.

Psalm 80:8-10





The vineyard of the Lord Almighty
is the nation of Israel,
and the people of Judah
are the vines he delighted in.

And he looked for justice, but saw bloodshed;
for righteousness, but heard cries of distress

Isaiah 5:7





Your vine is cut down, it is burned with fire;
at your rebuke your people perish.

Psalm 80:16





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The Father – the Gardener









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John 15:2





No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.

Hebrews 12:11





Us – the Branches





Remain in me

John 15:4





We cannot produce fruit if we do not remain in Him (v 4)

It's for His glory (v 8)

It is an active process (v 10)

It's a joyful process (v 11)

It's not through our power, but His (v 4, 5, 7, 16)





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It's a Team Game

