

Message Notes “I AM the Vine You are the Branches”

Whenever Jesus refers to himself as “_____” He is saying something extremely significant! John ‘s gospel flows with _____ of these “I AM’s” and are some of the most effective and useful verses in the Bible!

Exodus 3¹⁴ God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.”^[a] This is what you are to say to the Israelites: ‘I AM has sent me to you.’”

John 15

¹ “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^[a] 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. ⁹ “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now **remain in my love.** ¹⁰ **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.*****

¹² My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command. ¹⁵ 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. ¹⁶ 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.

Galatians 5

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness and self-control.

The Goal:

“_____”, purpose-filled productive lives!

The Strategic Focus:

“_____ in Christ”, “abiding relationship connection”!

Why?

The branch does not have the “_____ - to do- _____!”

“P_____ to do” must come from the vine- _____!

Jesus gives vital ingredients to “Remaining in ME”!

The SAP:

- “My _____” - remain in them! (7)
 - “A _____” is vital! Do it with confidence! (7)
 - “Fruit-bearing” grows you and “_____” God!(8)
 - “Stay under the _____ of my love! (9)
 - “_____” my commands goes hand in hand with you “_____” Me! (10)
 - I have an unexpected surprise for you as you live the “vine and branches” life — _____! (11)
- That’s right _____!