

## ENCOUNTER #25: John 15:1-11 THE POWER OF ABIDING

METAPHORS POWERFUL TOOLS COMM – PROV PICTURE...helps us see complex things that we don't quite understand in terms of simple things that we do understand.

Market (journey, relationship, war) RED BULL HAS WINGS – CHEVY HEARTBEAT AM

- Jesus was the Master of the Metaphor - **PRECISE**

I AM statements (identifiers and illuminators) – Get to God - I am the door– I care for my people I am the good shepherd – u find truth in a world of darkness I am the light of the world – U sustained satisfied in this life I am the bread of life

**RELATIONSHIP (F,S,HS)** – I AM THE TRUE VINE YOU ARE THE BRANCHES

- CONTEXT OF CHAPTERS: Reveals the anatomy of a relationship

JC> God It's like a tends vineyard I am vine ur branches that bear fruit – LIVING / ORG BEAUTIFUL METAPHOR– not business owner ur customer, trainer ur the athlete, General ur the soldier

**MP: This vine and branch metaphor reveals the anatomy of our relationship with God which is a living union and communion with Jesus that causes our lives to be fruitful.**

### UNION

Oxford UNION: the action or fact of joining or being joined. **U R JOINED TO JESUS**

- Jesus is true vine – localize faith in Christ – united Him – **NATURE EXCHANGE**
  - o HOW? THROUGH FAITH – UNITED THROUGH FAITH

Galatians 2:20 I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God.

- o You are “In Christ” by faith– IMPLICATIONS ARE HUGE – **THE BEST**

**IN CHRIST:** Chosen, Redeemed, alive to God, eternal life, no condemnation, approved, sanctified, wise, new creation, justified, have hope, dead will rise, received Grace, sealed There is no joy in this world like union with Christ. The more we can feel it, the happier we are.” Spurgeon

### COMMUNION

LANGUAGE OF Mutualism TRINITY – BASIS FOR THIS TERMINOLOGY

John 17:21 That they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

- Union + prefix (comm) means with – u are in Him and He is in you -interconn
- UNION IS BEING CONNECTED COMMUNION IS THE LIVING RELATIONSHIP
  - o constant flow – supply chain life from the soil – vine – to you

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**ABIDE:** Live in His presence, pray, listen to Him Word/Spirit speaks,

- Christ is more than a lifestyle to **PATTERN** – DOING GOES HAND IN HAND

- CONSTANT:
- **VITAL** – just as the branch dies without connection – U CAN DO NOTHING

## **FRUITFULNESS**

Vineyard –no fruit no purpose – (hut/house) **VINE WOOD GOOD FOR NOTHING FIRE**

- PURPOSE OF GOD – **IS YOUR FRUITFULNESS FOR HIS GLORY**

The good life fruitful life – the fulness of said – love, joy, peace, answered prayer, obedience to commands, witness to the world

- Ever increasing basis – WORDS – **HOW THE FATHER TRIMS/PRUNES**

**Every branch that does bear fruit he trims and prunes – more fruitful heb 12:4**

- o “You bear fruit” – GOOD – time for trim – cut things away taking vital nutri.

Vinedress prunes Knife – trims dead/living branches full nutrients focus more fruit...

- o **MOST IMPORTANT PART – TAKES YEARS TRAIN A PRUNER (ex what)**

- o **I KNOW HURTS "IT'S FOR YOUR OWN GOOD"** – true with the Father

**GOOD HANDS OF GOD PRUNE YOUR LIFE** – cuts away unhealthy, unhelpful, hinderance

**IDENTIFIES YOU AS HIS – NOT JUST THE FRUITFULNESS BUT THE PRUNING**

**Fruitfulness proves you are connected to the Son. Pruning proves you are submitted to the Father**

- Not about losing salvation – metaphors parables never good place build doct
- People who look connected but aren't – JUDAS – was with him/miracles
  - o Not the fruitfulness of faith - transformation

**You can have the appearance that you are connected but if you don't bear fruit you're not. Spiritual fruitfulness is the mark of the true Christian**

**You can't tear a living branch away from the vine without them both being damaged**