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John 15:1-14

Jesus Is the True Vine

1 Jesus said, "I am the True Vine. My Father is the Farmer. 2 My Father takes away any branch in ME which is not producing fruit. My Father trims each branch which is producing fruit, so that it will produce more fruit. 3 YOU are already clean, because of the message which I have spoken to you. 4 Stay in ME, and I will stay in you. No branch can produce fruit on its own; it must stay on the vine. In the same way, you cannot produce, unless you stay in ME. 5 I am the Vine; you are the branches. Who will produce much fruit? The person who stays in ME and in whom I stay. You can do nothing without ME! 6 If someone does not stay in ME, he is like a branch which is thrown away. He dries up. People gather dead branches and throw them into the fire, and they burn up. 7 If you stay in ME and my words stay in you, then you may ask for whatever you want and it will happen for you. 8 You must produce much fruit and be MY followers. This is how my Father gets glory. 9 I love you, just as the Father loves me. Stay in MY love. 10 I have obeyed my Father's commands and I stay in His love. If you obey my commands, then you will stay in my love.

11 "I have said these things to you, so that MY joy may be in you and your joy may be complete. 12 This is MY command: Love one another, as I have loved you. 13 Suppose someone gives up his life for his friends. No one has a greater love than this.

14 "YOU are my friends, if you do what I tell you to do."