

## JOHN 15:1-13 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup>I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. <sup>2</sup>Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup>Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup>I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. <sup>9</sup>As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup>These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

<sup>12</sup>"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

<sup>13</sup>Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends."

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**Sermon text next Sunday:** Revelation 1:1-8

## THE TRUE VINE

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God wants \_\_\_\_\_

John 15:1-2, 8  
Gen. 1:22, 28  
Gen. 12:1-3  
Jer. 2:20-22  
Isa. 5:1-7  
Gal. 5:22-23

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John 15:4-5

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Abiding requires \_\_\_\_\_

John 15:1-3, 7-13  
Heb. 12:1-3

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### TALK IT OVER

Keep growing in your relationship with Jesus: Take the message with you into your week. Talk it over with your friends, coworkers, family, or Grow Group. (More ideas at [npberean.org/group-resources](http://npberean.org/group-resources), or visit [npberean.org/grow-groups](http://npberean.org/grow-groups) to connect.)

- ♦ What's one thing I appreciate right now about what the Lord has done or continues to do for me? What changes – in my attitude, my actions, or the way my behavior impacts others – signal genuine fruit from a grateful heart?
- ♦ How have I been "blessed to be a blessing"? Available time? An encouraging personality? Helpful skills? Material generosity? Spiritual wisdom? How can I practically share these blessings with others?