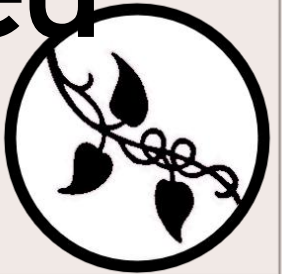




I AM

With only a short while remaining before Jesus would be **arrested** and **crucified**, Jesus intentionally reassures His disciples with a wonderfully comforting conversation centered on the final “**I Am**” statement



“Abide” = to dwell; to **remain**  
**attached** as one; to be held and  
kept continually



**In total satisfaction, we are able to  
abide in Christ (even though there  
are difficulties and hardships  
along our paths)**



When Jesus declares  
“I AM ... The **True Vine**”  
He’s inviting His disciples into an  
**ongoing relationship**, which is  
rooted in dependency



Every believer needs to live **abiding**  
in the true vine







**I AM**

**THE VINE**

# John 15:1-3

“True” = Genuine; authentic; real





**“Vinedresser” = one who plants, cares for, trims, and prunes the vine to ensure maximum and optimum fruitfulness**

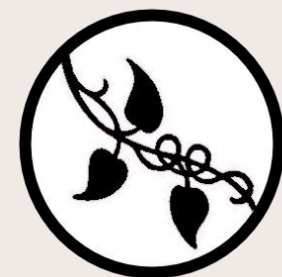


Every branch that has been  
**engrafted** into the vine has been  
meticulously cared for  
and attended to **by God**



Fruit only comes from when we are  
faithfully **attached** to the vine and  
then humbly **submitted** into the  
Father's tender hands

John 15:4-7



**“Abide” = to dwell; to remain  
attached as one; to be held  
and kept continually  
(this is a loving plea for us  
to stay connected)**



When we're not abiding in Christ,  
then we're **seeking satisfaction** in  
something other than Christ as well

John 15:8



**Fruitfulness** is NOT optional for authentic believers, it is the **evidence** that we genuinely belong to Christ (the Vine)

John 15:9-10

John 15:11

