



## Sermon Notes

Season of Healing  
November 12, 2023

### John 15:1, 4-5

<sup>1</sup> *"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener.*

<sup>4</sup> *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.*

<sup>5</sup> *"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.*

***We will not flourish apart from Jesus.***

***There will be no greater joy on our deathbed than knowing we fulfilled our destiny in Christ.***

### John 15:16

<sup>16</sup> *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.*

***Apart from Jesus, I cannot do anything of lasting value.***

***Apart from Jesus, the grave is the end.***

***"In Christ" - It means to know Jesus Christ intimately. It means that He is a living reality to us. We dwell in Christ and He dwells in us. He is the source of life, and it shows in everything we do.***

***"To be "in Christ" does not mean to be inside Christ, as tools are in a box or our clothes in a closet, but to be organically united to Christ, as a limb is in the body or a branch is in the tree. It is this personal relationship with Christ that is the distinctive mark of his authentic followers."***

John R.W. Stott

***We often postpone change and relegate it to "some day".***

***Some day our "some days" will run out.***

***We will not flourish without obedience.***



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### Numbers 13:23

<sup>23</sup> *When they reached the Valley of Eshkol,<sup>[a]</sup> they cut off a branch bearing a single cluster of grapes. Two of them carried it on a pole between them, along with some pomegranates and figs.*

Footnotes:

a. *Eshkol means cluster*

### Deuteronomy 8:6-8

<sup>6</sup> *Observe the commands of the LORD your God, walking in obedience to him and revering him.*

<sup>7</sup> *For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land—a land with brooks, streams, and deep springs gushing out into the valleys and hills; <sup>8</sup>a land with wheat and barley, vines and fig trees, pomegranates, olive oil and honey*

### Responsive Reading:

- *Jesus, I declare this day that You are the True Vine, the only vine I need to be attached to.*
- *I confess that there have been “other” vines that I have been attached to.*
- *I confess that these “other” attachments have stunted my growth.*
- *I renounce these attachments right now in Your name.*

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