The True Vine Sun Am Kz Lesson 5/2/21

# Memory Verse: John 15:5 (NKJV)

**5**“I am the vine, you *are* the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.

Target Thought: To bear fruit we must stay connected to Jesus.

# John 15:1-8 (NKJV)

**15**“I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. **2**Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every *branch* that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. **3**You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. **4**Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.

**5**“I am the vine, you *are* the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. **6**If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw *them* into the fire, and they are burned. **7**If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you[[b](https://classic.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+15%3A1-8&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-26707b)] will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. **8**By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.

Have you ever noticed that when Jesus was teaching, he often told stories to help his followers understand what he wanted them to learn? Well, he did, and our Bible lesson today is one of those stories. If Jesus had given his stories a title, he might have called this story "The Vine and the Branches." This story was about grapevines. He chose the grapevine for this story because in the land where Jesus lived, there were many grapevines and he knew that his followers would know a lot about grapevines.

I don't know if you have ever seen a grapevine, but there are two parts to the grapevine. There is the vine—and there are the branches growing out of the vine. The grapes grow on the branches. That is pretty much like any fruit tree that you might have seen. They have a trunk and branches with fruit growing on the branches. The only way that a branch can have fruit on it is for it to remain connected. The only way we can grow in Jesus is to connected to Him.

To stay connected to Jesus means that we realize that He lives in our heart and we live our life to please Him. Remember WWJD,WWID? Jesus is with everyday, every where we go and He even knows our every thought. Jesus loves us and want to take care of us. He knows best about everything and if we will listen to Him and obey Him, He can protect us and provide for us.

I found this branch lying on the ground. Look at it! It has no leaves and no sign of life left in it. If it came from a tree, it will never have any life it. That is what Jesus wanted his followers to understand as he told his story about the grapevine. He wanted them to understand how important it was for them to stay connected to Him. He told them, "I am the vine and you are the branches. If you remain in me, you will have much fruit, but apart from me, you can do nothing."

Jesus wants you and me to produce fruit in our life. He wants us to be kind, gentle, generous, and loving, and these are just a few examples, can you think of any more? Can we do that on our own? No way. Just as the branches must be connected to vine before they can produce fruit, you and I must stay connected to Jesus to produce the good fruit that God expects of us. If we keep our life connected to Jesus, we will grow. Our life will produce beautiful leaves and delicious fruit. But if we are separated from Jesus, our leaves will wither and die and we will never put forth any fruit.

Let's pray and ask God to help us to remain faithful in following Jesus and his teaching.

Heavenly Father, we ask you to help us to be faithful followers of Jesus and produce much fruit in our life. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

1. What is the only way we can grow in Jesus?
2. What do we have to do so that Jesus can protect and provide for us?
3. What are some examples of fruit in our life?