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"False Connectivity"

John 15:1 – 5

New International Version (NIV)

The Vine and the Branches

15 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. ²He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes^a so that it will be even more fruitful. ³You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. ⁴Remain 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.

⁵"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.

Footnotes:

- a. [John 15:2](#) The Greek for *he prunes* also means *he cleans*.



Sermon Notes:

How do we thrive
against FALSE
CONNECTIVITY?

Main Truths:

1. The heart of
the gospel is
_____.
2. Our lives are
marked by false
_____.
3. True

- _____ is the heart of
Community.
4. WE must fight
for true
_____.

Background Notes on the passage: _____

Draw – It!

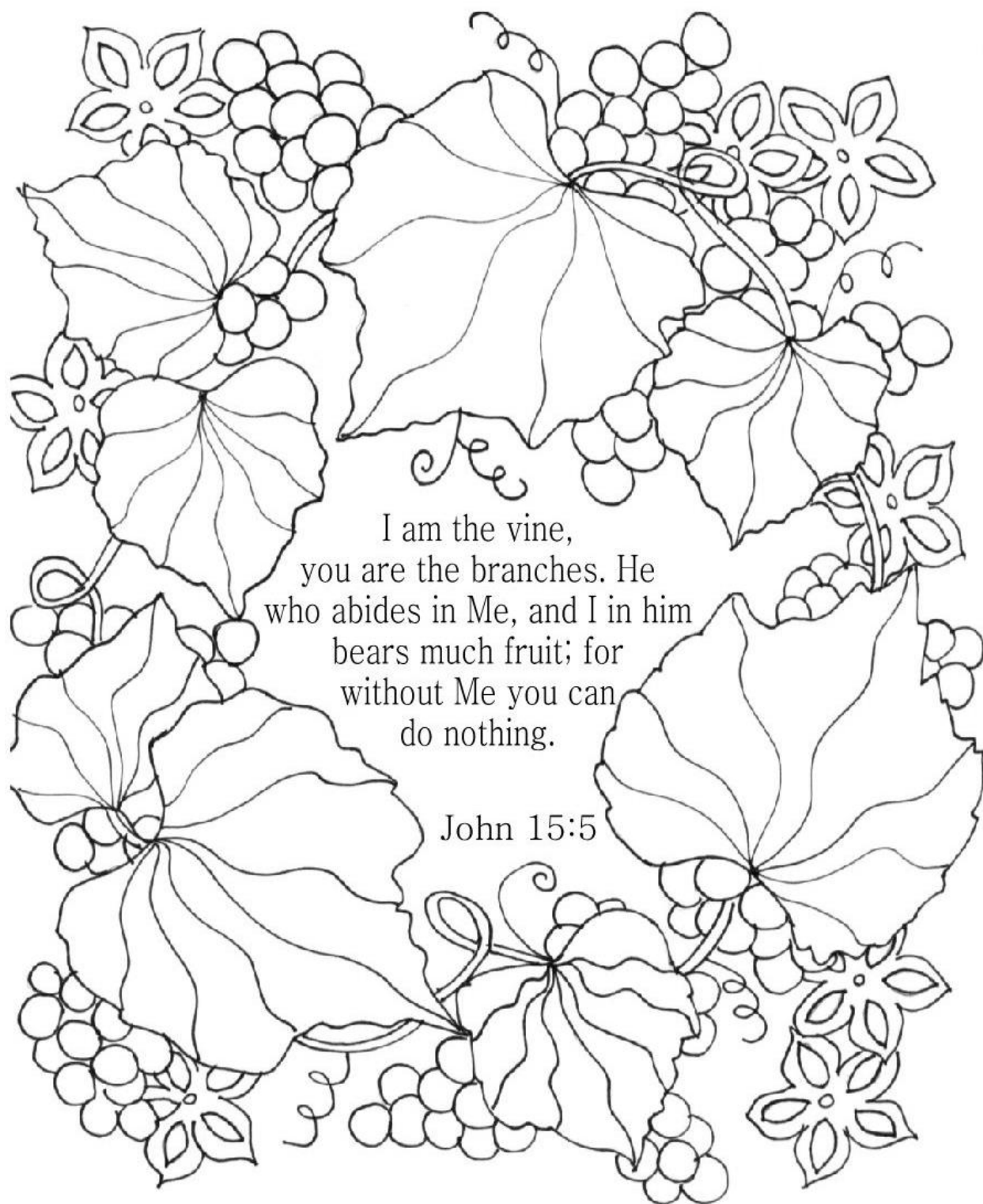


1. The heart of the gospel is connectivity.

The gospel has always been about CONNECTION because our core problem is alienation, separation, and division – from God, from one another, and from ourselves. It always goes back to the “FALL” (found in Genesis 3).

Look up Isaiah 59:2 and write it here: _____

Why are relationships often so challenging? _____



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.

John 15:5

**It is only through this connection
that one can experience true life!**

2. Our lives are marked by false connectivity.

NOTES: _____

We are a fragmented people living in a fragmented world through fragmented connectivity.

What is the problem with digital intimacy? _____

–Stephen Marche, The Atlantic

NOTES: _____

Yet the pervasive problem of loneliness and isolation continues to devastate.

3. True Connectivity is the heart of Community!

John 14:4 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.

What does true connectivity look like then? _____

...honor one another (Rom 12:10)
...accept one another (Rom 15:7)
...bear with one another (Col 3:12-13)
...forgive one another (Eph 4:2,32)
...pray for and confess sins to one another (James 5:16)
...cheer and challenge one another (Heb.3:13)
...admonish and confront one another (Rom 15:14; Gal 6:1-6)
...warn one another (1 Thess 5:14)
...instruct one another (Col. 3:16)

4. *WE must fight for true connectivity.*

NOTES: _____

OUR EXCUSES to keep us in false connectivity....

1. "TOO BUSY..."
2. "TOO MESSY..."
3. "TOO DIFFERENT..."
4. "TOO WOUNDED..."
5. "TOO FEARFUL..."
6. "TOO COMFORTABLE...."
7. "TOO SELF-SUFFICIENT..."

Feel free to add (or delete) to this list to be more reflective of you and the excuses you make.

Jesus battled through the heavens and the earth, through the Cross and Tomb, from his birth, life, death, and resurrection in order to restore us back into community with Him. We who were banished from the Garden are being invited back in to join God's redemptive plan to point to His Kingdom here on earth.

Once you begin to experience true connectivity you will never be the same again! Why? _____

Application Questions:

1. What are some of your favorite activities to do with other people? Why?

2. What does Jesus mean when he teaches us that He is the vine and we are the branches? _____

3. Why is true connectivity so important with God and others during this tough time? _____

4. What excuses do you give to keep away from true community? _____
