



WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO ME?

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- Psalms 80:8-9 _____ Jesus is the vine to which we are connected.
- Hosea 10:1 _____ Like a garden, God cares for His people.
- John 15:1 _____ Jesus is our connection to eternal life.
- John 14:6 _____ God made a special place for His people in the Promised Land.

Parables typically had one main point. What do you think is the point of this parable?

How do you stay connected to Christ?
A) Pray.
B) Read God's Word.
C) Worship.
D) Obey.

How can you obey Jesus' command in John 15:12 this week?

How will remaining in Christ affect your relationships?

Bonus Parable: The Two Sons
Read Matthew 21:28-32. Jesus told this story to the chief priests and elders who did not believe in Him. They refused to repent. In this parable, which son did what His father wanted?

What does this story show you about what Jesus wants us to do?



The Vine and the Branches BETWEEN THE LINES

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- A) Joy.
- B) Death.
- C) Great Gardens.
- D) Grapes.

What happens when we are without Him?
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When we remain in Christ, what affect does that have on our prayers? (See John 15:7.)

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