

## CG Sermon Outline

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Tabernacle of David

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### EXPERIENCES FROM JUVENILE PRISON MINISTRY/USA

Text: John 15:1-11, Gal 5:16-25

#### I Am the True Vine

- 1 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 does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit.
- 3 Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you.
- 4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me.
- 5 I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.
- 6 If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned.
- 7 If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.
- 8 By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.
- 9 As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love.
- 10 If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love.
- 11 These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

#### YOLANDA:

- Allow the HS to lead you into all things. "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom"

#### WAYNE:

- He's got the world in His hands.
- Juvenile Prison ministry info:
  - When juvenile prisoners "graduate" to adult prison, they are exposed to hard-core criminal experiences.
  - Majority of prisoners are repeat offenders
  - Ex-convicts generally face rejection by society, and loss of privileges e.g. voting
  - During ministry prisoners are made aware of key principles:
    - *What is crime?*
    - *What/How do victims of crimes suffer? (volunteers share their experiences)*
    - *After ministry with emphases on repentance, responsibility & related themes, the rate of repeat offenders dropped <11%*
- "If we don't go in, they can't come out."
- It's not the environment that makes a criminal. True/False.  
Discuss "why we do what we do."



**WORD: JOHN 15**

- We (branches) are connected & dependant on the Vine (Jesus) and God is the Vine-dresser who protects the Vine.
- What keeps us together—keeps me away from sin—Abiding in Christ.
- “When you don’t have the Word, you know not the Lord.”
- I abide in Christ—feeding, relying, trusting, \_\_\_\_\_
- Christ abides in me—anointing, \_\_\_\_\_  
(add your thoughts)

**WORD: WALK WITH GOD (GAL 5:16,22)**

*Keep in Step with the Spirit*

16But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. 17For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. 18But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. 19Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, 20idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, 21envy,<sup>d</sup> drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. 22But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. 24And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

25If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.

- Walk in the Spirit: live my life in the way people can see Holy Spirit in me. (How? \_\_\_\_\_)
- Walking/abiding bears fruit/
- **Fruit of the Spirit:** 9 qualities
  - **Love, joy, peace** ► comes from relationship with God (permanent, lasting as compared to temporal happiness)
  - **Longsuffering, kindness, goodness** ► relationship with others
  - **Faithfulness, gentleness & self-control** ► relationship with self.
- Discuss: \_\_\_\_\_

