

## “I AM: THE VINE”

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### 1. FEARS WHEN WE ARE DISCONNECTED

- A. FOMO - Fear of Missing Out
- B. FOBO - Fear of Being Off-line
- C. FOMU - Fear of Messing Up
- D. FOPO - Fear of People’s Opinion

### 2. REALIZE THE TRUE SOURCE FOR CONNECTION

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener.” (John 15:1)

### 3. STAYING CONNECTED PRODUCES FRUIT

#### MEMORY VERSE

“I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit,” (John 15:5a)

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,<sup>23</sup> gentleness and self-control. (Galatians 5:22-23)

#### A. FOMO - YOU ARE GOD’S OWN CHILD

For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” (Romans 8:15)

#### B. FOBO - YOU ARE NEVER FORGOTTEN

Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? And not one of them is forgotten before God. <sup>7</sup>Why, even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not; you are of more value than many sparrows. (Luke 12:6-7)

#### C. FOMU - GOD’S PERFECT LOVE FORGIVES

<sup>18</sup>There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. <sup>19</sup>We love because he first loved us. (1 John 4:18-19)

#### D. FOPO - THE LORD IS FOR ME

The LORD is on my side; I will not fear, What can man do to me? (Psalm 118:6)

### 4. BEING DISCONNECTED PRODUCES NOTHING

...apart from me you can do nothing. (John 15:5b)

### 5. HOW DO WE STAY CONNECTED TO THE VINE?

#### A. BE CONNECTED TO HIS WORD

But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. (James 1:22)

#### B. WE DO WHAT JESUS SAYS.

If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love... (John 15:10)

#### C. LOVE LIKE JESUS

My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. (John 15:12)

#### GOING DEEPER

1. What’s one idea from the message that really stood out to you? Why did this idea grab your attention?
2. What false vines might you be attaching yourself to? How has that affected you?
3. Describe a time when you loved like Jesus loves. What did you learn from your experience?
4. What steps can you take to become more connected to Jesus?