



The Vine

John 15:1-11

- **1 Kings 4:25** So Judah and Israel lived in safety, every man under his vine and his fig tree, from Dan even to Beersheba, all the days of Solomon.

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- **John 15:1-5**
 - **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 bears fruit, He prunes it so 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, so 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, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.**
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- **John 15:6-11**
- **6 "If anyone does not abide in Me, he is thrown away as a branch and dries up; and they gather them, and cast them into the fire and they are 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 "My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples. 9 "Just as the Father has loved Me, I have also 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 so that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be made full. NASU**



**Are We
Connected?**



- **John 15 is about relationships:**
- **a. Believer/Christ/Father - 1-11**
- **b. Believer/Believer - 12-17**
- **c. Believer/World - 18-27.**



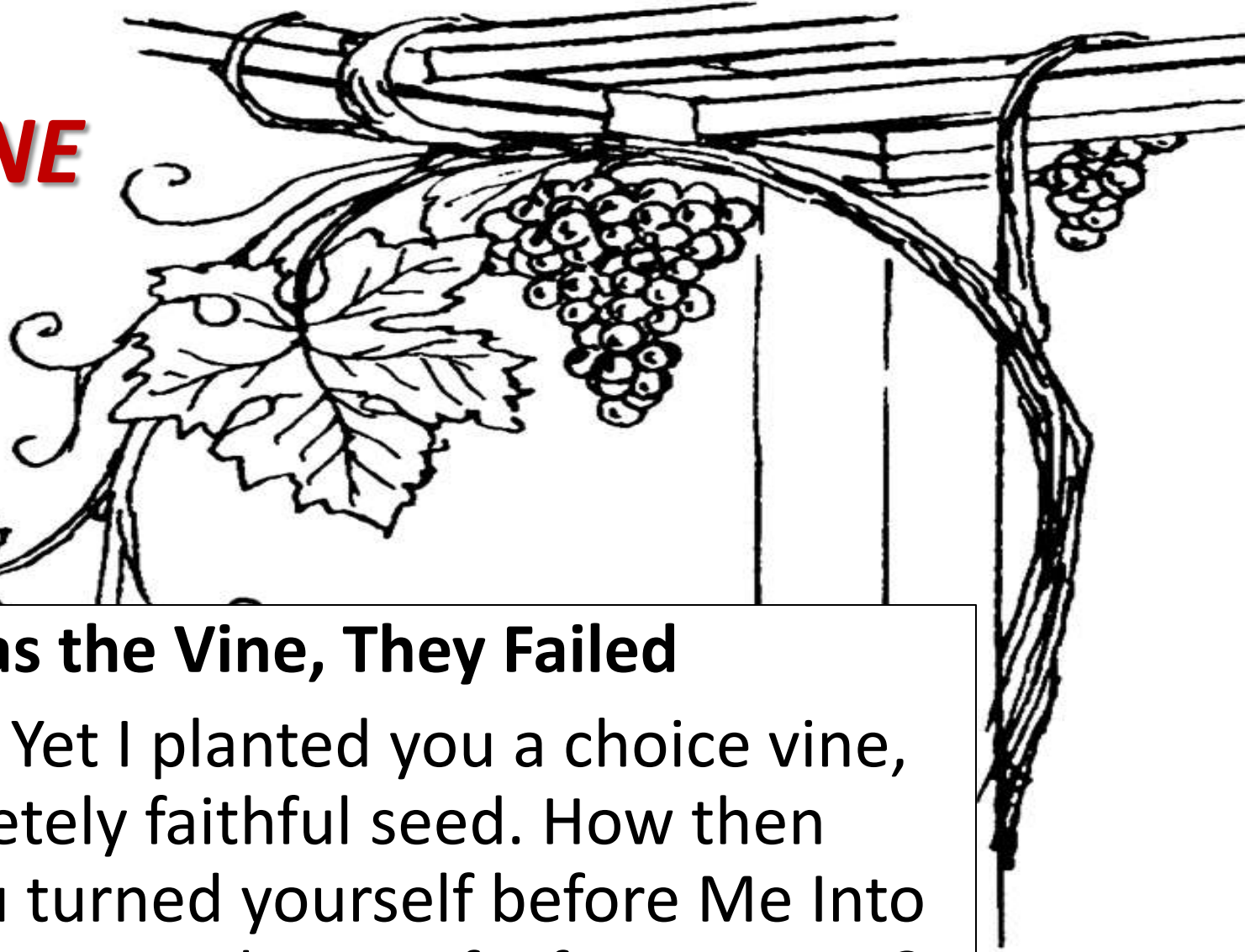
*** Growing on a house or wall.**

*** Vineyards on hill sides along the way to the Mount of Olives.**

*** Fires of the vine-pruning by Kidron.**

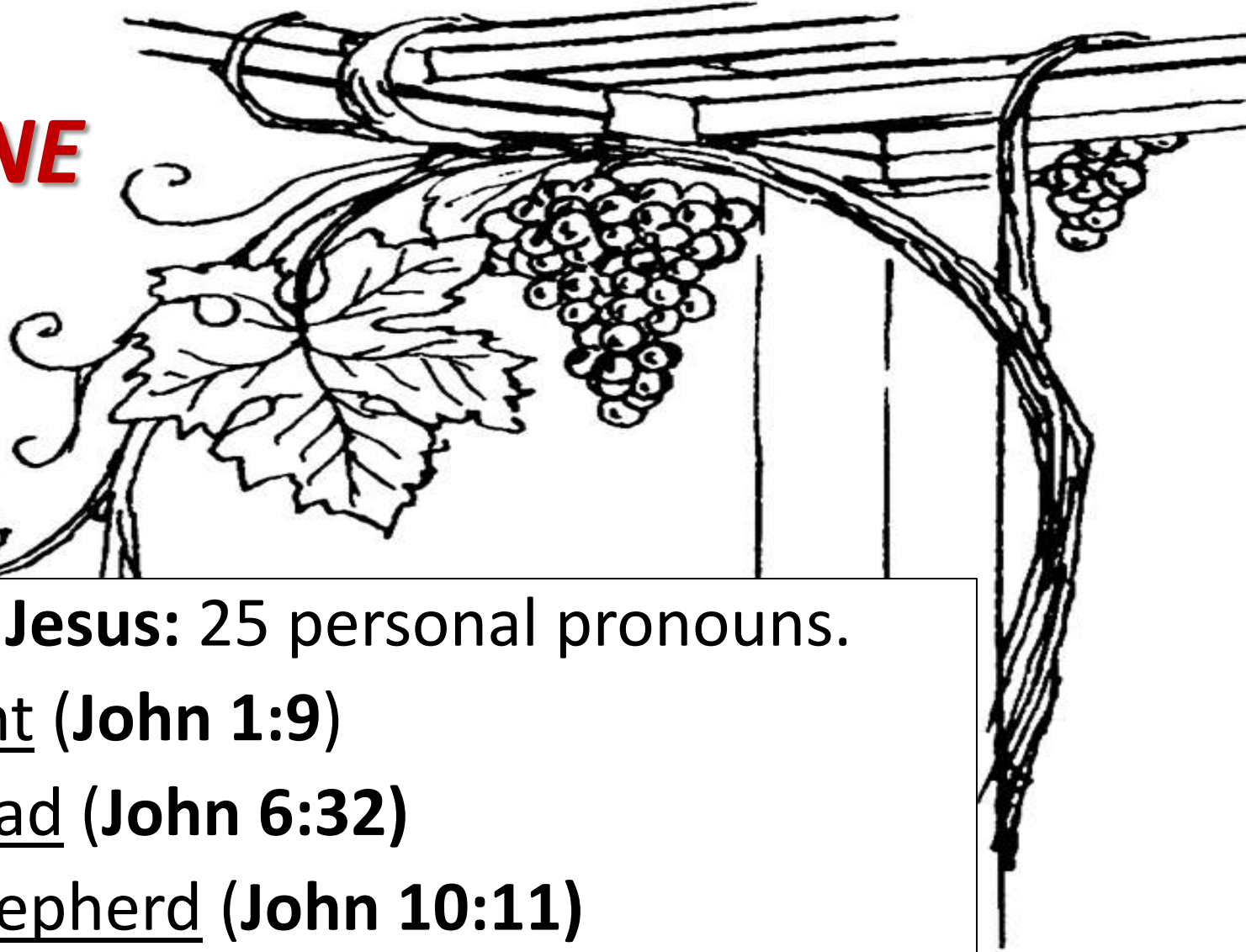
*** Golden vine on gates in court of the temple.**

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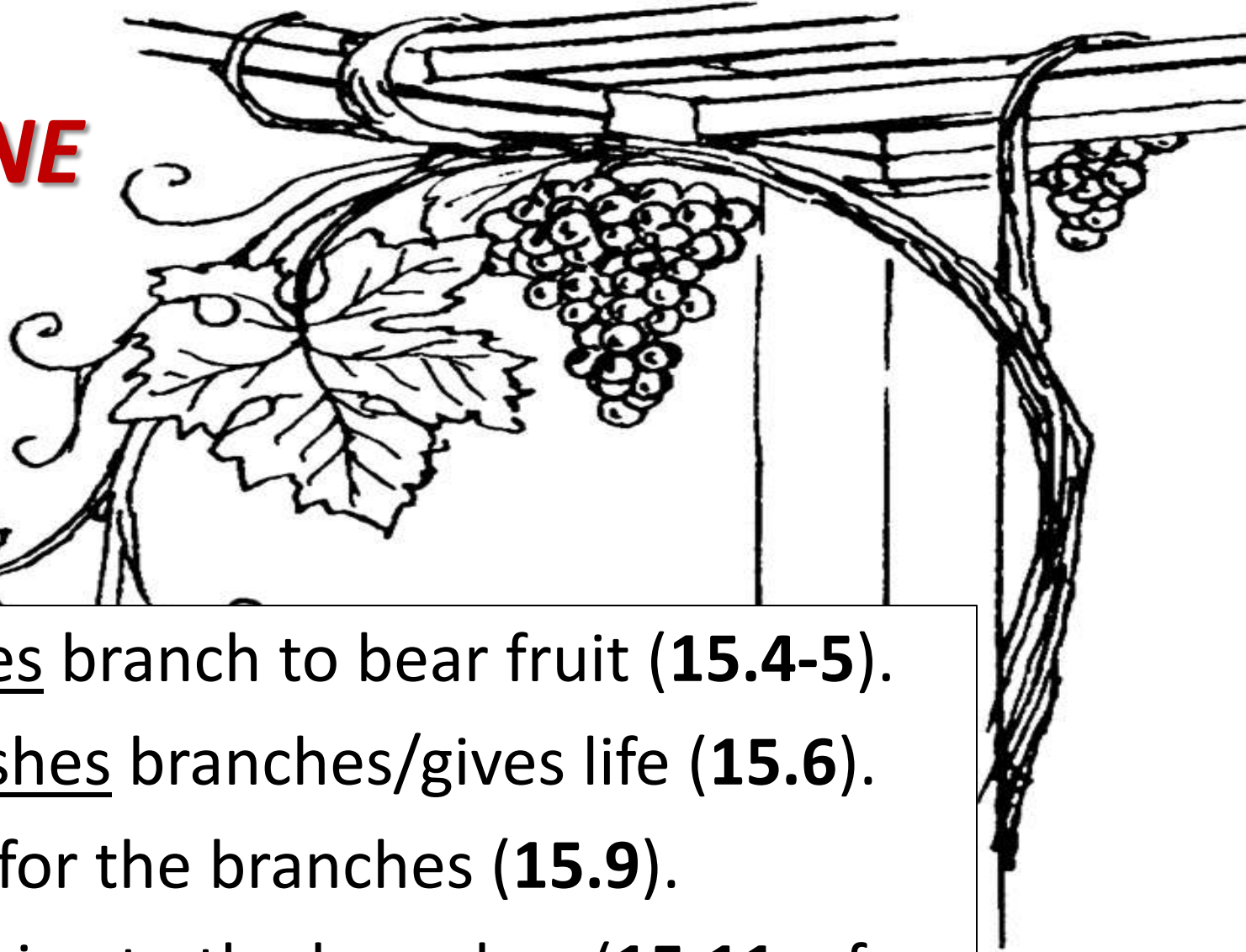
- **Israel was the Vine, They Failed**
- **Jer 2:21** Yet I planted you a choice vine,
A completely faithful seed. How then
have you turned yourself before Me Into
the degenerate shoots of a foreign vine?
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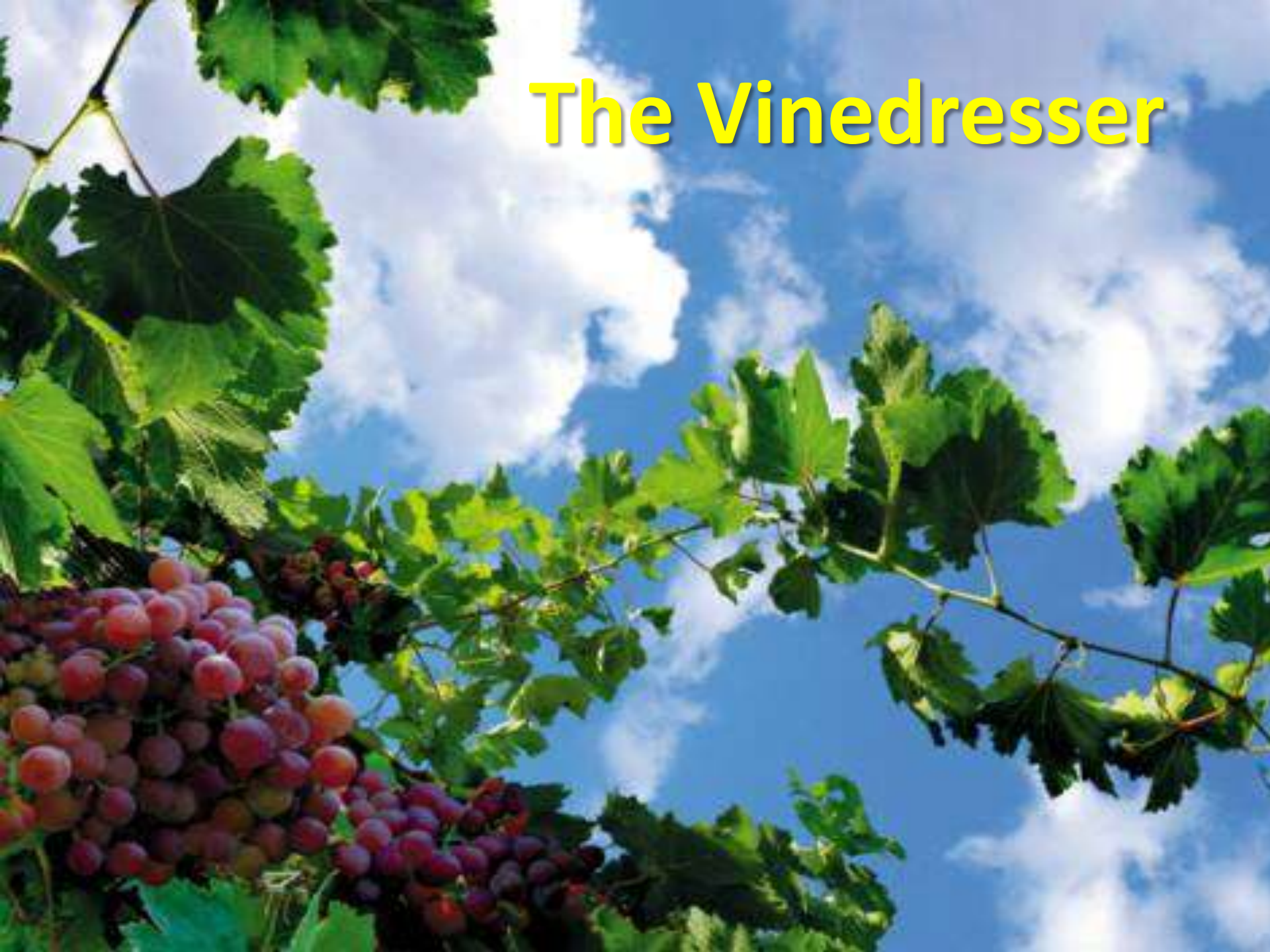
- **Stresses Jesus:** 25 personal pronouns.
- True Light (John 1:9)
- True Bread (John 6:32)
- Good Shepherd (John 10:11)
- True vine (15.1)
- **Salvation is in Jesus, not Jews**

THE VINE



- 1. Enables branch to bear fruit (**15.4-5**).
- 2. Nourishes branches/gives life (**15.6**).
- 3. Cares for the branches (**15.9**).
- 4. Brings joy to the branches (**15.11**; cf. **14.1** “let your hearts not be...”).

The Vinedresser



- **John 15:2-3**
- **2 "Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit, He prunes it so that it may bear more fruit.**
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- **Ezek 15:1-5**
- **1 Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying,**
- **2 "Son of man, how is the wood of the vine better than any wood of a branch which is among the trees of the forest?**
- **3 "Can wood be taken from it to make anything, or can men take a peg from it on which to hang any vessel?**
- **4 "If it has been put into the fire for fuel, and the fire has consumed both of its ends and its middle part has been charred, is it then useful for anything?**
- **5 "Behold, while it is intact, it is not made into anything. How much less, when the fire has consumed it and it is charred, can it still be made into anything! NASU**

- Ezek 15:1-16:1
- 6 "Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD, "As the wood of the vine among the trees of the forest, which I have given to the fire for fuel, so have I given up the inhabitants of Jerusalem;
- 7 and I set My face against them. Though they have come out of the fire, yet the fire will consume them. Then you will know that I am the LORD, when I set My face against them.
- 8 "Thus I will make the land desolate, because they have *acted unfaithfully*," declares the Lord GOD. NASU

- **The Father removes the unfruitful**
- **The Father prunes the fruitful to bear more fruit**
- **The arrest, trial, and crucifixion of Jesus would be a part of this process**



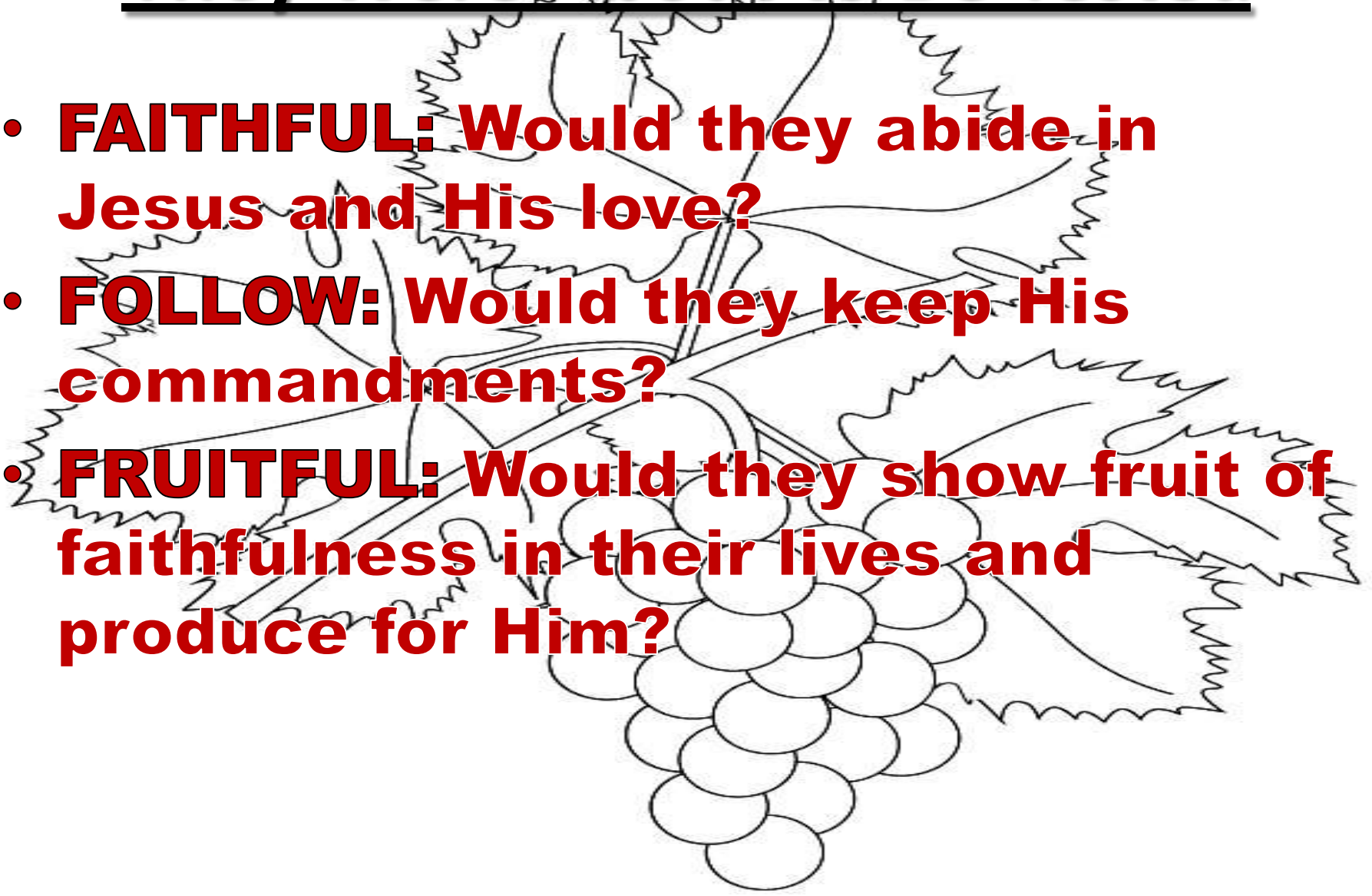
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Branches**

- **John 15:3-11**

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They Were About to Be Tested

- **FAITHFUL:** Would they abide in Jesus and His love?
- **FOLLOW:** Would they keep His commandments?
- **FRUITFUL:** Would they show fruit of faithfulness in their lives and produce for Him?

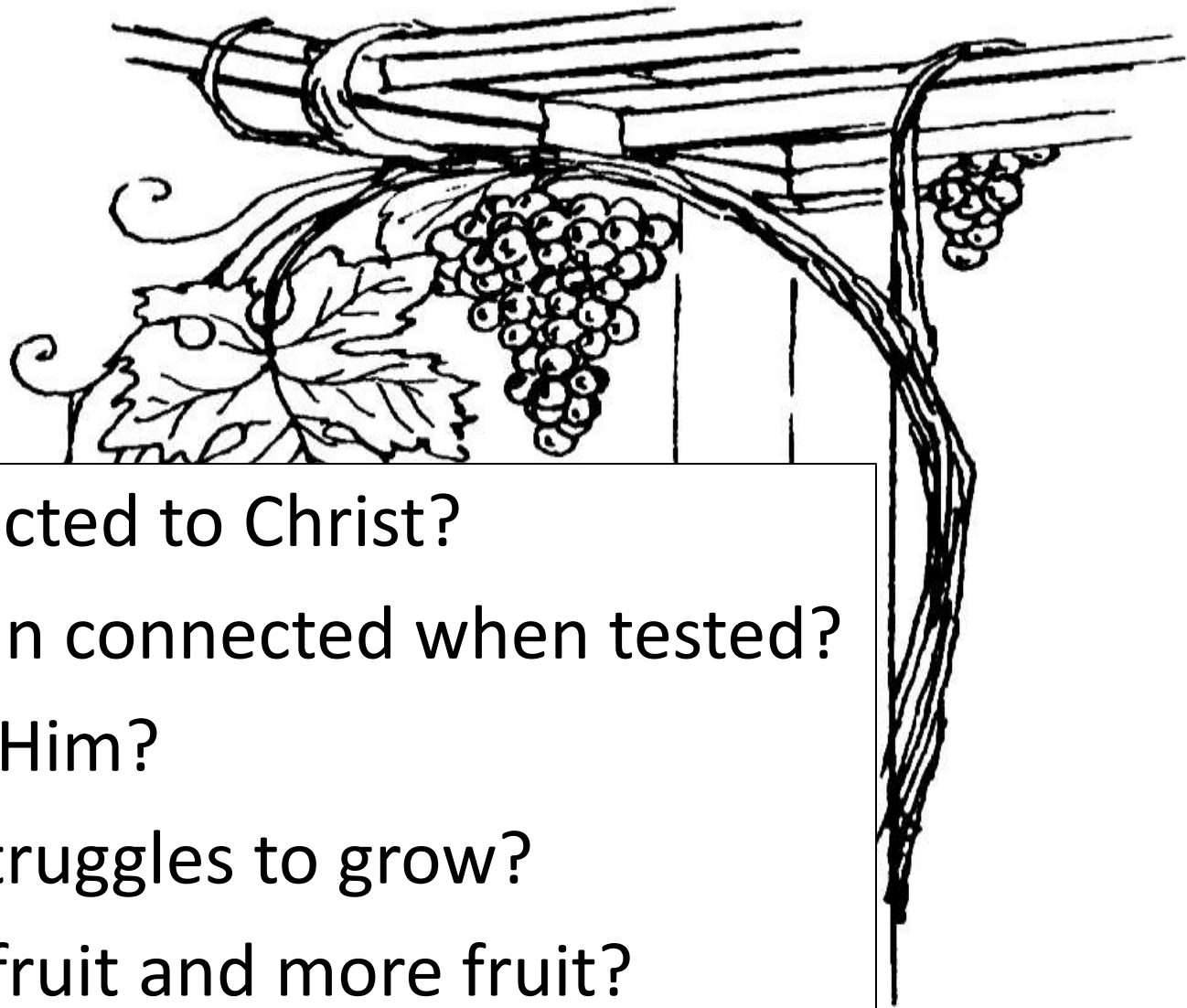


If They Remained in the Vine...

- **FAITHFUL:** God will be with them and help them.
 - **LISTEN:** God will listen to their prayers.
 - **PRODUCTIVE:** God would help them bear more fruit.
 - **REJOICING:** Their sorrow will turn to joy (the Vine lives).
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**Are We
Connected?**



- Are we connected to Christ?
- Will we remain connected when tested?
- Will we obey Him?
- Will we use struggles to grow?
- Will we bear fruit and more fruit?



A close-up photograph of a bunch of green grapes hanging from a vine. The grapes are small, round, and have a light green color. They are clustered together and attached to a brown vine. Large, green, serrated leaves are visible in the background and foreground, framing the grapes. The lighting is bright, highlighting the texture of the grapes and leaves.

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John 15:1-10