

Staying Connected

Day 10

Evangelistic Series



Theme Song

I Am the Vine



“I am the vine and ye are the branches,”
Bear precious fruit for Jesus today;
Branches in Him no fruit ever bearing,
Jesus hath said, “He taketh away.”



Refrain:

I am the vine and ye are the branches;
I am the vine, be faithful and true;
Ask what ye will, your prayer shall be
granted;
The Father loved Me, so I have loved you.



“The Prayer Connection”

1 Thessalonians 5:17

Never stop praying.

What is Prayer

- ❖ Prayer is talking with God.
- ❖ Prayer is listening to God.
- ❖ Prayer is enjoying the presence of God.

Prayer is not simply saying words. It is not repeating formulas. God is looking for heartfelt relationship.

Avoid meaningless repetitions

Mathew 6:7

“When you pray, don’t babble on and on as people of other religions do. They think their prayers are answered merely by repeating their words again and again.”

Luke 18:10-14

New Living Translation

10 “Two men went to the Temple to pray. One was a Pharisee, and the other was a despised tax collector. **11** The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed this prayer: ‘I thank you, God, that I am not a sinner like everyone else. For I don’t cheat, I don’t sin, and I don’t commit adultery. I’m certainly not like that tax collector!’

Luke 18:10-14

12 I fast twice a week, and I give you a tenth of my income.' "But the tax collector stood at a distance and dared not even lift his eyes to heaven as he prayed. Instead, he beat his chest in sorrow, saying, 'O God, be merciful to me, for I am a sinner.' **14** I tell you, this sinner, not the Pharisee, returned home justified before God.

Luke 18:10-14

For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

What God Dose Not Like

Proverbs 28:9

God detests the prayers of a person who ignores the law.

Position for Praying

Is there a required position for praying?

- ❖ Moses *bowed* to the ground at once and worshiped. Exodus 34:8
- ❖ *I lay prostrate* before the LORD those forty days and forty nights because the LORD had said he would destroy you. Deuteronomy 9:25
- ❖ When Solomon had finished all these prayers and supplications to the LORD, he rose from before the altar of the LORD, where he had been *kneeling* with his *hands spread* out toward heaven. 1 Kings 8:54 NIV
- ❖ When I heard these things, I *sat down* and wept. For some days I mourned and fasted and prayed before the God of heaven. Nehemiah 1:4 NIV



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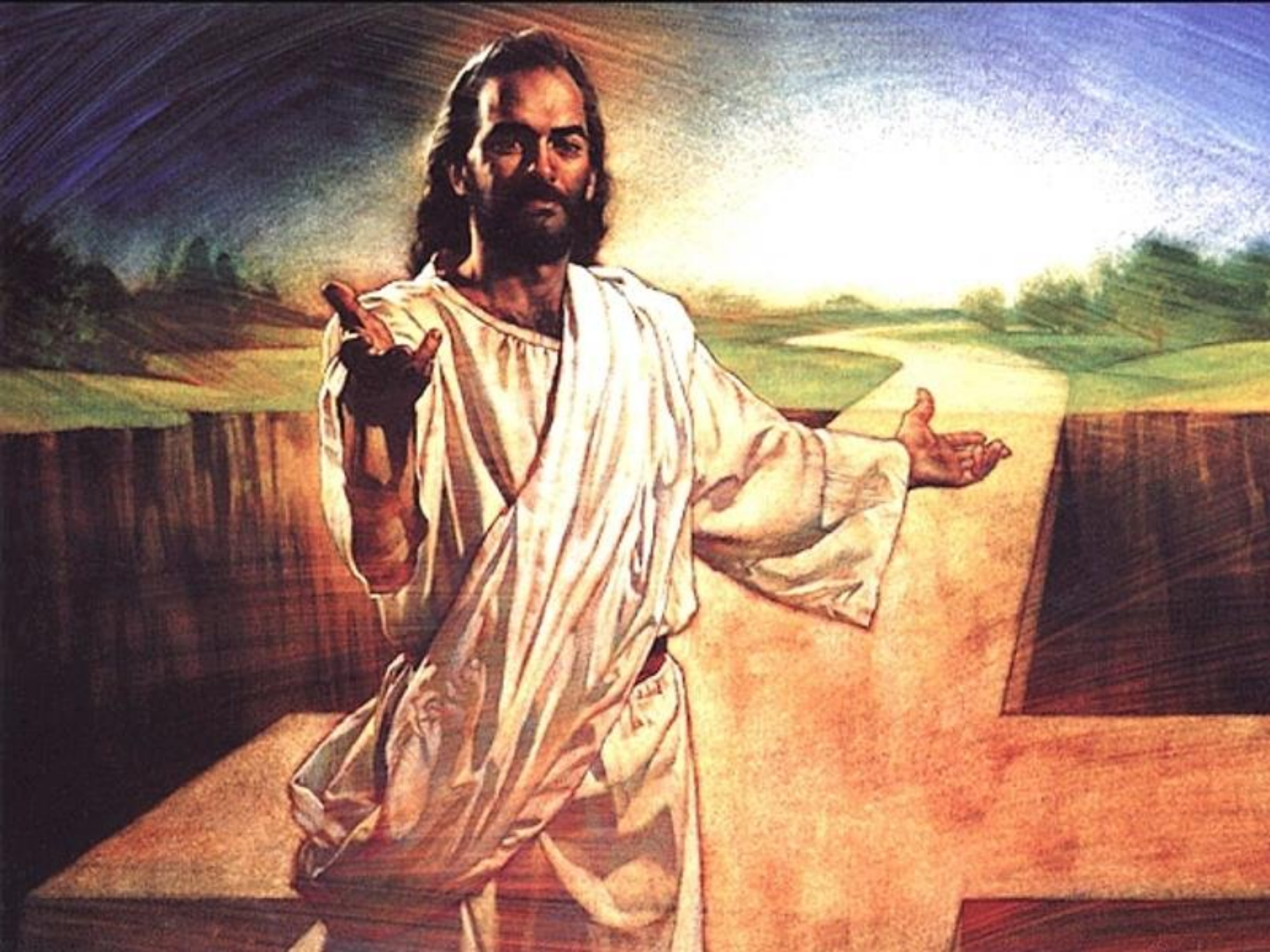
“I am the true vine, and my
Father is the gardener.”

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“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.



He wants us to stay connected



Pass It On



It only takes a spark to get a fire going,
And soon all those around can
warm up in its glowing;
That's how it is with God's Love,
Once you've experienced it,
You spread the love to everyone
You want to pass it on.



Luke 15:1

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