

**John 15:5, 9-17**

<sup>5</sup> “I am the vine; you are the branches.

Those who live in me and I in them will bear abundant fruit...

<sup>9</sup> “As my Abba has loved me, so have I loved you.

Live on in my love.

<sup>10</sup> And you will live on in my love if you keep my commandments,  
just as I live on in Abba God’s love,  
and have kept God’s commandments.

<sup>11</sup> I tell you all this that my joy may be yours,  
and your joy may be complete.

<sup>12</sup> This is my commandment: love one another as I have loved you.

<sup>13</sup> There is no greater love  
than to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.

<sup>14</sup> And you are my friends, if you do what I command you.

<sup>15</sup> I no longer speak of you as servants,  
because servants don’t know what their owner is doing.  
Instead, I call you friends, because I have made known to you  
everything I have learned from Abba God.

<sup>16</sup> It was not you who chose me;  
it was I who chose you to go forth and bear fruit.  
Your fruit must endure, so that whatever you ask of Abba God  
in my name, God will give you.

<sup>17</sup> This command I give you: that you love one another.”