






	I AM _____ - The True Vine
 BIG IDEA	Stay connected to Jesus daily instead of just recharging occasionally.
 ICE BREAKER	Share about a time when you experienced "range anxiety" - whether with your phone battery, car gas tank, or any device running low on power. How did that feeling affect your decisions and behavior?
 MAIN POINTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Don't approach faith like an electric vehicle - coming for periodic recharges when we're running low, rather focus on maintaining a constant connection. ● The word "remain" (or "abide") appears 11 times in John 15:1-11. It means to dwell, live, and make your home in continuous relationship with Jesus. ● Remember the ABCs - Always Be Connected! Finding daily ways to plug into our relationship with Jesus through prayer, Scripture, meditation, and community. ● Abiding means shifting from trying to achieve and control our spiritual life to sensing what God is saying and responding to His lead.
 DISCUSS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How would you describe the difference between "recharging" your faith and "abiding" in Christ? 2. Shan mentioned that every time Israel is described as a vine in the Old Testament, it ends in failure. What does this tell us about our need for Jesus as the "true vine"? 3. Jesus said "apart from me you can do nothing." How does this challenge our culture's emphasis on self-reliance and achievement? 4. Would you describe your current faith as more "recharge-based" or "connection-based"? What evidence supports your answer? 5. What does it look like practically for you to "Always Be Connected" in your daily life? What obstacles make this challenging? 6. What would change in your relationships, work, or daily interactions if you truly practiced "allowing Jesus to express His life through you" rather than trying to live your life for Him? 7. The sermon suggested asking Jesus daily: "What do you want me to know and what do you want me to do?" How might this simple practice transform your week?
 NEXT STEP	<p>Read John 15:1-11 each day this week and spend 5-10 minutes asking: "Jesus, what do you want me to know today?" and "What do you want me to do?"</p> <p>Then wait, listen, and respond to what you sense Him saying.</p>
 SCRIPTURE	<p>John 15:1-6 I AM the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. 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...</p>
	

**NEXT WEEK
SNEAK PEAK**

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