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## Try Dynamic Connection!

Jesus Christ **reveals** God's love & grace to us human beings and **offers** his way of flourishing in life's relationships & responsibilities. He often used agriculture to **point us** toward cultivating a dynamic faith in him!

<sup>11</sup> *The Lord will guide you always; he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame. You will be like a **well-watered garden**, like a **spring** whose waters never fail.*

**Isaiah 58:11**

<sup>1</sup> *I am the **true vine**, and my Father is the gardener. <sup>2</sup> 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**.*

<sup>3</sup> *You have already been pruned and purified by the word I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup> **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.*

<sup>5</sup> *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. <sup>6</sup> If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned.*

<sup>7</sup> *If you **remain in me** and **my words remain in you**, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup> This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.*

<sup>9</sup> *As the Father has loved me, so have **I loved you**. Now remain in my love. <sup>10</sup> If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love.*

<sup>11</sup> *I have told you this so that **my joy may be in you** and that **your joy may be complete**. <sup>12</sup> My command is this: **Love each other** as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup> Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. <sup>14</sup> You are my friends if you do what I command.*

<sup>15</sup> *I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father **I have made known to you**. <sup>16</sup> You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you **might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last**—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you.*

<sup>17</sup> *This is my command: **Love each other**.*

**John 15:1-17**

- Purpose to \_\_\_ **yield the fruit of Jesus in your life** \_\_\_!
- Strive for \_\_\_ **living & active faith union with Jesus** \_\_\_!
- Share in Jesus' \_\_\_ **joy, confidence & sacrificial love** \_\_\_!

## Crossroads Church

*Discovering Life Connected with God!*

### Our Vision

To be a dynamic and diverse family of believers in Jesus Christ connected in transforming relationships with God, each other, and our world!

### Our Purpose and Mission

To connect people with God, God's family, and God's mission through a transforming relationship with Jesus Christ!

### Our Strategy

To fulfill God's purpose in our lives through a balanced commitment to love God with our entire being and to love our neighbor as ourselves, according to God's Great Commandment and Great Commission in the Bible.

### Our Commitment

#### **Growth**

To speak and act more like Jesus Christ each day of our lives.  
To reach people disconnected from God with the love of Jesus.

#### **Relationships**

To develop depth, consistency, and closeness in our walk with Jesus.  
To share life and spiritual journey together with each other.

#### **Relevance**

To apply God's truths and principles to life in practical ways.  
To engage and meaningfully share Jesus with people.

#### **Involvement**

To participate in church family relationships and responsibilities.  
To discover and contribute our dynamic and diverse abilities.

#### **Truth**

To value Jesus Christ and the Bible as God's eternal revelation to us.  
To believe and center on Jesus Christ as forgiver and life leader.

## Let's Catch the Vision and Share the Mission Together!

"We are an autonomous, biblically-based church family that actively partners locally and internationally to fulfill our mission to connect people in transforming relationship with Jesus Christ!"