

Bay City Wesleyan Church
September 30, 2018

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Sunday Morning 09-30-2018

Jesus promised, "You will bear fruit, lots of fruit, lasting fruit." John 15:5

Let's pray at 1:55 PM daily to see Jesus producing fruit in and through us.

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Claiming the promise in 2018

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The Promise:

If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. (John 15:5)

John 15:1-17 MSG

<small>1-3</small> "I am the Real Vine and my Father is the Farmer. He cuts off every branch of me that doesn't bear grapes. And every branch that is grape-bearing he prunes back so it will bear even more. You are already pruned back by the message I have spoken.

<small>4</small> "Live in me. Make your home in me just as I do in you. In the same way that a branch can't bear grapes by itself but only by being joined to the vine, you can't bear fruit unless you are joined with me. <small>5-8</small>

"I am the Vine, you are the branches. When you're joined with me and I with you, the relation intimate and organic, the harvest is sure to be abundant. Separated, you can't produce a thing. Anyone who separates from me is deadwood, gathered up and thrown on the bonfire. But if you make yourselves at home with me and my words are at home in you, you can be sure that whatever you ask will be listened to and acted upon. This is how my Father shows who he is—when you produce grapes, when you mature as my disciples. <small>9-10</small>

"I've loved you the way my Father has loved me. Make yourselves at home in my love. If you keep my commands, you'll remain intimately at home in my love. That's what I've done—kept my Father's commands and made myself at home in his love. <small><font

color="#999999">11-15</small> "I've told you these things for a purpose: that my joy might be your joy, and your joy wholly mature. This is my command: Love one another the way I loved you. This is the very best way to love. Put your life on the line for your friends. You are my friends when you do the things I command you. I'm no longer calling you servants because servants don't understand what their master is thinking and planning. No, I've named you friends because I've let you in on everything I've heard from the Father. <small><font

color="#999999">16</small> "You didn't choose me, remember; I chose you, and put you in the world to bear fruit, fruit that won't spoil. As fruit bearers, whatever you ask the Father in relation to me, he gives you. <small>17</small> "But remember the root command: Love one another.

<https://bible.com/bible/97/jhn.15.1-17.msg>

Philippians 1:3-11 NIV

3</small> I thank my God every time I remember you. 4</small> In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy 5</small> because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, 6</small> being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. 7</small> It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart and, whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me. 8</small> God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus. 9</small> And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, 10</small> so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, 11</small> filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.

<https://bible.com/bible/111/php.1.3-11.NIV>

Sermon in a Sentence:

Everything Jesus creates with me beats everything I could ever do on my own.

THREE INGREDIENTS: GRACE, TRUTH AND TIME

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Grace shouts, "Everyone is welcome."

Truth proclaims, "No one is perfect."

Together, grace, truth and time declare, "Anything can happen."

LIVING SENT:

As God the Father sent him to seek for his missing children, Jesus sends you.

When you meet suffering people, pray in faith.

When you meet joyful people, help them to sing songs of praise.

Persevere in prayer and action to bring God's dearly loved children home to him.

May Christ Jesus heal and raise up the hurting through you.

May the Holy Spirit anoint you and give you peace.

Go in peace to love and serve the ones Jesus loves and serves. Amen.