

“Abiding in Christ”

(John 15:1-11)

Stonebriar Community Church

Marathon Fellowship

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Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness,
O God my Father;
There is no shadow of
Turning with Thee;
Thou changest not,
Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been,
Thou forever will be.

Chorus

Great is Thy faithfulness!
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Morning by morning
New mercies I see.
All I have needed
Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness,
Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and
Springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars
In their courses above
Join with all nature
In manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness,
Mercy and love.

Chorus

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Thy hand hath provided;
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Lord, unto me!

Pardon for sin and
A peace that endureth
Thine own dear presence
To cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and
Bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine,
With ten thousand beside!

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JOHN

Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God (20:31)

➤ *A Thematic Outline:*

- I. The Introduction of the Son of God (1:1-51)
- II. The Revelation of the Son of God to the World (2:1–12:50)
 - *Jesus' Public Ministry*
- III. The Revelation of the Son of God for the Disciples (13:1–17:26)
 - *Jesus' Private Ministry*
- IV. The Passion & Proof of the Son of God for the World (18:1–20:31)
- V. The Epilogue Concerning the Son of God (21:1-25)

The “Farewell Discourse” of Jesus in John 13–17

- Context: The night before Jesus was crucified
- Purpose: To prepare His disciples for His imminent departure
- 2 Main Themes:
 1. Love one another
 2. Stay faithful

Jesus' "Farewell Discourse" in John 13–17 (cont.)

- *Jesus' Teaching for His disciples:*

1. Loving Servant-Leadership

2. His Imminent Departure

3. The Holy Spirit

4. The Community

5. Relationships

- To God

- To one another

Vineyard Metaphors to Compare Israel's Relationship to God in the OT

- Psalm 80:8-16
- Isaiah 5:1-7
- Jeremiah 2:21; 5:10; 12:10
- Ezekiel 15:1-8
- Hosea 10:1

*Jesus' Vineyard Metaphor
in John 15 & Its OT
Antecedent*

Ezekiel 15:1-8

Jesus' Metaphor of the Vine & the Branches in John 15

- Jesus—True Vine
- God the Father—Gardener
- Branches—Disciples
 - 2 Kinds of Branches (Disciples)
 1. Fruitful
 2. Fruitless

2 Kinds of Disciples in Jesus' Vine Metaphor in John 15

- **2 Kinds of Branches:**

- 1. Fruitful (True Believers)**

- The Eleven

- 2. Fruitless (False Believers)**

- Judas

“All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and whoever comes to Me I will never drive away.” (John 6:37)

“My sheep listen to my voice; I know them and they follow Me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand.” (John 10:27-28)

**“Likewise every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. Every tree that does that bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them.”
(Matt. 7:17-20)**

**“They went out from us, but they did not really belong to us. For if they had belonged to us, they would have remained with us; but their going showed that none of them belonged to us.”
(1 John 2:19)**

“Anyone who runs ahead and does not continue in the teaching of Christ does not have God; whoever continues in the teaching has both the Father and the Son” (2 John 9)