

abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. John 15:9–11 (ESV)

Abiding in Christ leads to my joy.

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. John 15:12–14 (ESV)

Love one another with sacrifice, like Jesus.

No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. John 15:15 (ESV)

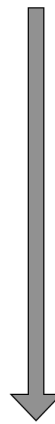
God calls me his friend.

You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. John 15:16 (ESV)

Apart from Christ, I can do nothing.

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The Father loves the Son

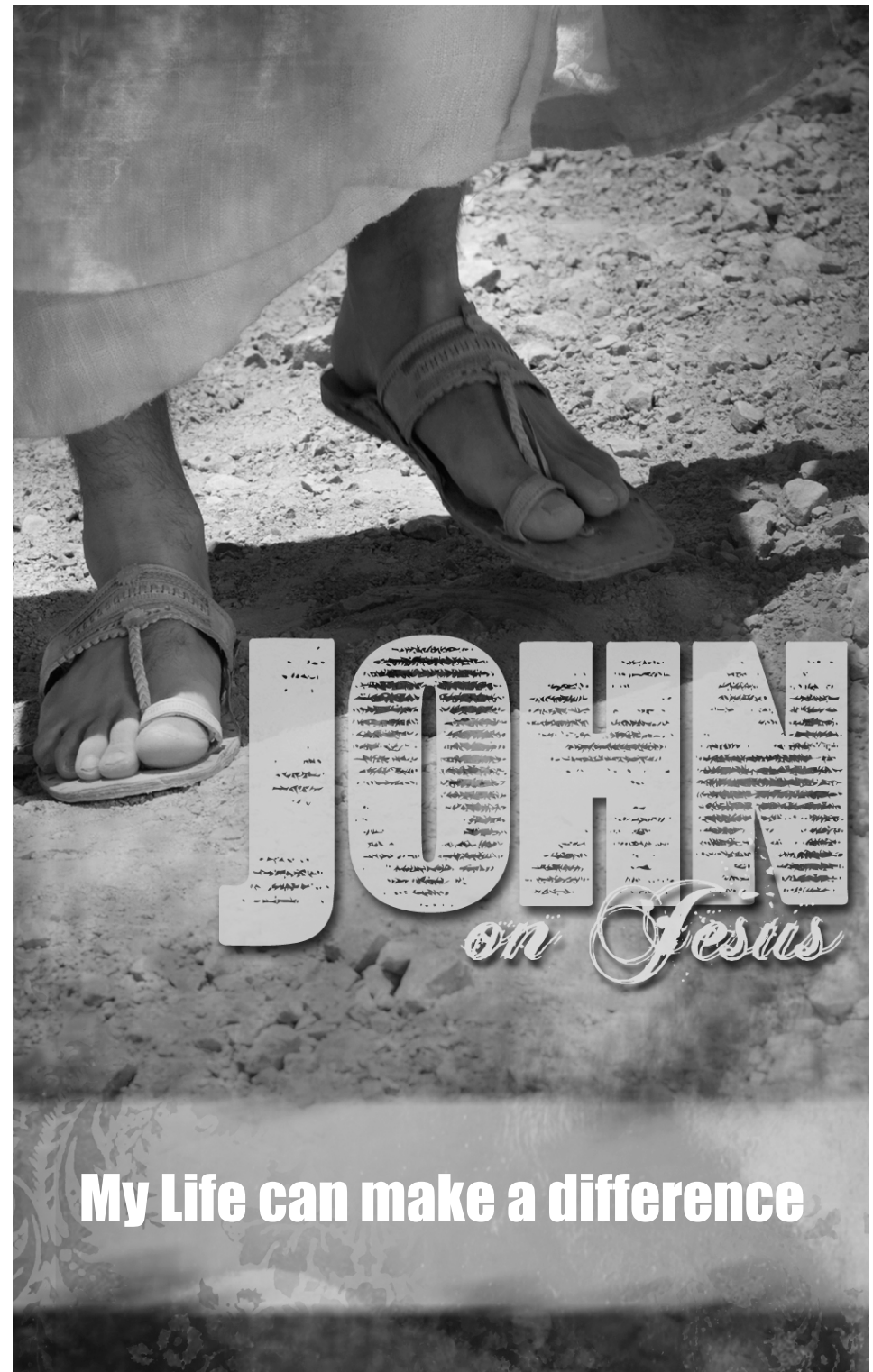
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Christ's Commands

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Our Joy



Faith Church - EFCA

June 23, 2012

John 15:1-16

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. John 15:1 (ESV)

The only way to be fruitful is to be connected to Jesus.

Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. John 15:2 (ESV)

If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. John 15:6 (ESV)

I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. John 10:28-29 (ESV)

Branches that are fruitless are useless.

Fruitful lives will be pruned.

For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness. Hebrews 12:10 (ESV)

Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. John 15:4-5 (ESV)

Apart from Christ, I can do nothing of eternal value.

- 1. Abiding means asking for Christ's guidance all the time.**
- 2. Abiding means reading the Bible and asking the Holy Spirit to apply it.**
- 3. Abiding means regularly attending worship where we grow together, not just individually.**
- 4. Abiding means refusing to move beyond Christ.**

If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. John 15:7-8 (ESV)

God promises to answer our prayer to bear more fruit.

As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and