

**ISAIAH THE MINSTREL  
SINGS OF SOUR GRAPES**  
*Isaiah 5.1-7, John 15.1-8*

Isaiah sings a song about God and his people using the imagery of a vineyard. The song begins wonderfully but then it (and the grapes) turn sour as Isaiah prophesies destruction ahead for God's people.

In John 15 Jesus adopts the imagery of Isaiah's song to share with his disciples how they can avoid the path of their forebears and have a fruitful life.

*This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.*

John 15:8

1. You can't do your faith **ALONE**. vv.4-5 *Abide in me as I abide in you. Just 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. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. (NRSVUE)*

2. Stay **PLUGGED INTO** Jesus.

3. Abiding in Christ will bring **CHANGE**. v.2 *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...*



What is God saying to me?

What am I going to do about it?