



TODAY'S MESSAGE:

Living a Sent Life

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"My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world." **John 17:15-18 (NIV)**

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

"As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. 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. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. 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. 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. This is my command: Love each other."

John 15:5-17 (NIV)

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit."

Galatians 5:22-25 (NIV)



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What does it look like to be "sent into the world" like Jesus?

Bear lots of fruit

Love well

Being "sent" like Jesus takes great intentionality and creating margin

Reflection Questions:

- 1) What areas of your life feel "withered"? (Galatians 5). What fruits aren't flourishing at the moment?
- 2) Jesus continuously connects loving God with loving others in the Gospels. What opportunities are there to love well in your life currently?
- 3) What might you need to say "no" to in order to live with greater intentionality and margin?
- 4) What is God saying to you through this series? What are you going to do about it?