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Purpose ~ John 15:1-11

- Why are we here?
- What's our reason for existing?



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- Jack Palance playing *Curly* in the movie, City Slickers



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Agent Smith in
The Matrix



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King Solomon



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- There is tension in all of this because...
- 1) We want to live a life that matters
- 2) God has a plan for us to do big things for His glory in His Kingdom
- 3) We must prepare to live fully in the preparations God has made for us
- Today, we discover that God has a single purpose for us:
- 4) God's purpose is that we know and love Him in a way that causes us to love others



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- **1 John 5:3** (English Standard Version) ³For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome.
- John easily splices together obedience with loving God
- We struggle here because we are broken and think wrongly about love
- John clearly says that to know and love God = obeying God; what does that mean?



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- **John 15:1-11** (English Standard Version) ¹"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ² 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. ³Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴ 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. ⁵I 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.

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⁶If 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. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. ⁹ As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love.

¹¹These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

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- These verses tell us to abide (8 times!); what does abide mean?
- To stay expectantly in a relationship



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- **John 15:1-11** (English Standard Version) ⁴ 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.
- 1) Stay expectantly in a relationship with Christ
- Believers are called “The Bride of Christ”
- In v. 5, Jesus says He stays in us
- Jesus says that to live a life that matters you have to live in relationship with Him
- Are you in a relationship with Christ?
- Are you in an expectant relationship with Christ?

The logo consists of the words "DO SOMETHING" in a bold, black, sans-serif font, stacked vertically. The text is positioned to the left of a yellow circle. The circle contains the phrase "MAKE YOUR LIFE COUNT" in a smaller, black, sans-serif font.

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- **John 15:3; John 15:7** (English Standard Version) 3
Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. 7If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.
- 2) Stay expectantly in Christ's words
- What's your relationship with the Bible?
- To realize the life of meaning we desire, we have to approach the Bible rightly
- Are you expecting anything from these words?



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- **Galatians 6:9** (English Standard Version) ⁹And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.
- **Ephesians 4:1** (English Standard Version) ¹I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called,



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- **1 Peter 1:20-22** (English Standard Version) ²⁰He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you ²¹who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God. ²²Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart,
- **John 15:7** (English Standard Version) ⁷If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.
- Know the Word, let it find a home in you, stay in it and expect things from it!



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- **John 15:9-10** (English Standard Version) ⁹ As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love.
- 3) Stay expectantly in the love of Christ
- Love meant something to Christ
- Christ modeled love (for the Father and for others) by serving us, providing for us, living with us, dying for us



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- Christ showed us what it means to know God and to love Him so that we will love others
- Love means...
- Our selfish heart must be replaced by a self-sacrificial one.
- We will love whoever God sends our way.
- We will love the un-loveable.
- We see the brokenness of the world with eyes of love.
- We meet the needs of the least of these.



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- We all want a meaningful life
- Fulfill your purpose!
- Know and love God in a way that causes you to love others.



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- You **WILL** find a life of meaning and a life that matters ~ expect it!
- **John 15:11** (English Standard Version) ¹¹These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.



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LADIES ~ BIBLE STUDY & INSIDE OUT

- ◉ TOMORROW, Sept 27, at the Greatwood Rec Center
- ◉ 7-9 PM
- ◉ Becoming a Woman of Excellence, explore what it means to be a woman after God's heart



Inside Out Night...
Sign up today to make a beautiful fall flower arrangement & enjoy dessert, coffee, and fellowship on **October 4th @ 7pm** at the home of Dede Harrington. Get your \$5 ticket at the women's ministry table. Details in the bulletin...



Baptism Sunday

Sunday, October 17th

If you are interested in baptism please email us at:
info@thesanctuaryfellowship.com





Habitat for Humanity – October 9th and 23rd

We're at it again and we need your help!
For more information or to sign up,
email Liz at
info@thesanctuaryfellowship.com.

MOTHER'S OF PRESCHOOLERS

When & Where: Tuesday, Oct. 5th

9-11AM @ the Greatwood Chick-fil-A



For: Bible study, fellowship, and encouragement.

Bring your children! Childcare will be
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