**I AM** (graphic)

I AM the **bread of life**.

I AM the **light of the world**.

I AM the **door.**

I AM the **Good Shepherd.**

I AM the **way** and the **truth** and the **life**.

I AM the **true vine**.

(John 15:1-2)

“**I am the true vine**, and my Father is the gardener. 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**.”

(John 15:4)

“**Remain in me**, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must **remain** in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you **remain** in me.”

(John 15:5-8)

“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 fruit**, showing yourselves to be my **disciples**.”

Remain: **in the Word**

(John 8:31)

“To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, “**If you hold to my teaching**, you are really my **disciples**. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

(Psalm 119:105)

“Your word is a **lamp** unto my feet and a **light** on my path.”

Remain: **in the Body**

(Romans 12:5)

“so in Christ we, though many, **form one body**, and each member belongs to all the others.”

Remain: **in the Mission**

(John 15:10)

“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.”

(John 15:12)

“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.”

(John 15:17)

“This is my command: **Love each other**.”

(Matthew 22:36-39)

“’Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?’ Jesus replied: “’Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”

(Matthew 28:19)

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,”

Love **God**. Love **People**. Love **Sharing God** with **People**.

(Luke 13:6-9)

“Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree growing in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit on it but did not find any. So he said to the man who took care of the vineyard, ‘For three years now I’ve been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and haven’t found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?’ ‘Sir, the man replied, ‘leave it alone for one more year, and I’ll dig around it and fertilize it. If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down!”

It's **time** to make a **difference**.