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<p><b>Isaiah 5:1-7</b></p> <p><b>The Song of the Vineyard</b></p> <p>I will sing for the one I love                      a song about his vineyard:                      My loved one had a vineyard                      on a fertile hillside.</p> <p><sup>2</sup> He dug it up and cleared it of stones                      and planted it with the choicest vines.                      He built a watchtower in it                      and cut out a winepress as well.                      Then he looked for a crop of good grapes,                      but it yielded only bad fruit.</p> <p><sup>3</sup> “Now you dwellers in Jerusalem and people of Judah,                      judge between me and my vineyard.</p> <p><sup>4</sup> What more could have been done for my vineyard                      than I have done for it?                      When I looked for good grapes,                      why did it yield only bad?</p> <p><sup>5</sup> Now I will tell you                      what I am going to do to my vineyard:                      I will take away its hedge,                      and it will be destroyed;                      I will break down its wall,                      and it will be trampled.</p> <p><sup>6</sup> I will make it a wasteland,                      neither pruned nor cultivated,                      and briars and thorns will grow there.                      I will command the clouds                      not to rain on it.”</p> <p><sup>7</sup> The vineyard of the LORD Almighty                      is the nation of Israel,                      and the people of Judah                      are the vines he delighted in.                      And he looked for justice, but saw bloodshed;                      for righteousness, but heard cries of distress.</p>		
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<p><b>John 15:1-11</b></p> <p><b>The Vine and the Branches</b></p> <p>"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. <sup>2</sup>He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes<sup>[a]</sup> so that it will be even more fruitful. <sup>3</sup>You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>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.</p> <p><sup>5</sup>"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. <sup>6</sup>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. <sup>7</sup>If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.</p> <p><sup>9</sup>"As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.</p> <p>a. The Greek for <i>he prunes</i> also means <i>he cleans</i>.</p>		
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<p><b>John 15:12-17</b></p> <p>My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup> Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. <sup>14</sup> You are my friends if you do what I command. <sup>15</sup> 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. <sup>16</sup> 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. <sup>17</sup> This is my command: Love each other.</p>		
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Jeremiah 2:20-22

James 1:22-25

Give an example of how your actions confirm or contradict what you say you believe?

Describe a time when you have experienced God's undeserved favor?



**Prayer Requests**

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