

The Lord Jesus calls us to journey with him in faith and love, our lives bearing results that reflect his peace.

The branches have the leaves, flowers and fruit, but if they are not firmly attached to the vine, they are dead. Without the vine, the branches dry out and fall apart. It is the same with us. It is through the Lord Jesus that we have life, love and the ability to share these with others. It is through him that our work becomes fruitful, our lives have purpose and our love is enduring.

A Question

Love, virtue and service are characteristics of healthy Christian relationships. Who has been an important example of this for you? What must we do to stay connected with others? What is one simple thing you could do this week to strengthen one connection? What do people have to have in common with you so you can continue to understand each other?

Protecting Life

One thing not connected to God is the growing acceptance of abortion and euthanasia. There are significant social and institutional resources in place to promote the killing of children to solve social problems. And it seems the suicide/ euthanasia laws are being applied to help cut health care costs. Over and over again in history, groups have used the law to deny protection to those who stand in the way. The law often has protected the strong against the weak. That is why God favours the powerless and calls us to protect them as brothers and sisters. In his name, we are to cry out on their behalf and give them refuge and hope. We do this for the sick, the homeless, the unemployed, the aged, the handicapped and for refugees. We are to do the same for pregnant women and children in the womb. It may not be fashionable or even convenient. But it will imitate God.

Living In Christ

Living in Christ can seem like an exotic idea, yet it is one of the most practical of realities. It is also the most complete and loving way to live. May all that we do truly be in his name so that we may bear fruit that will last, and in abundance.