

# The Fruit of ✝ Sacrificial Love

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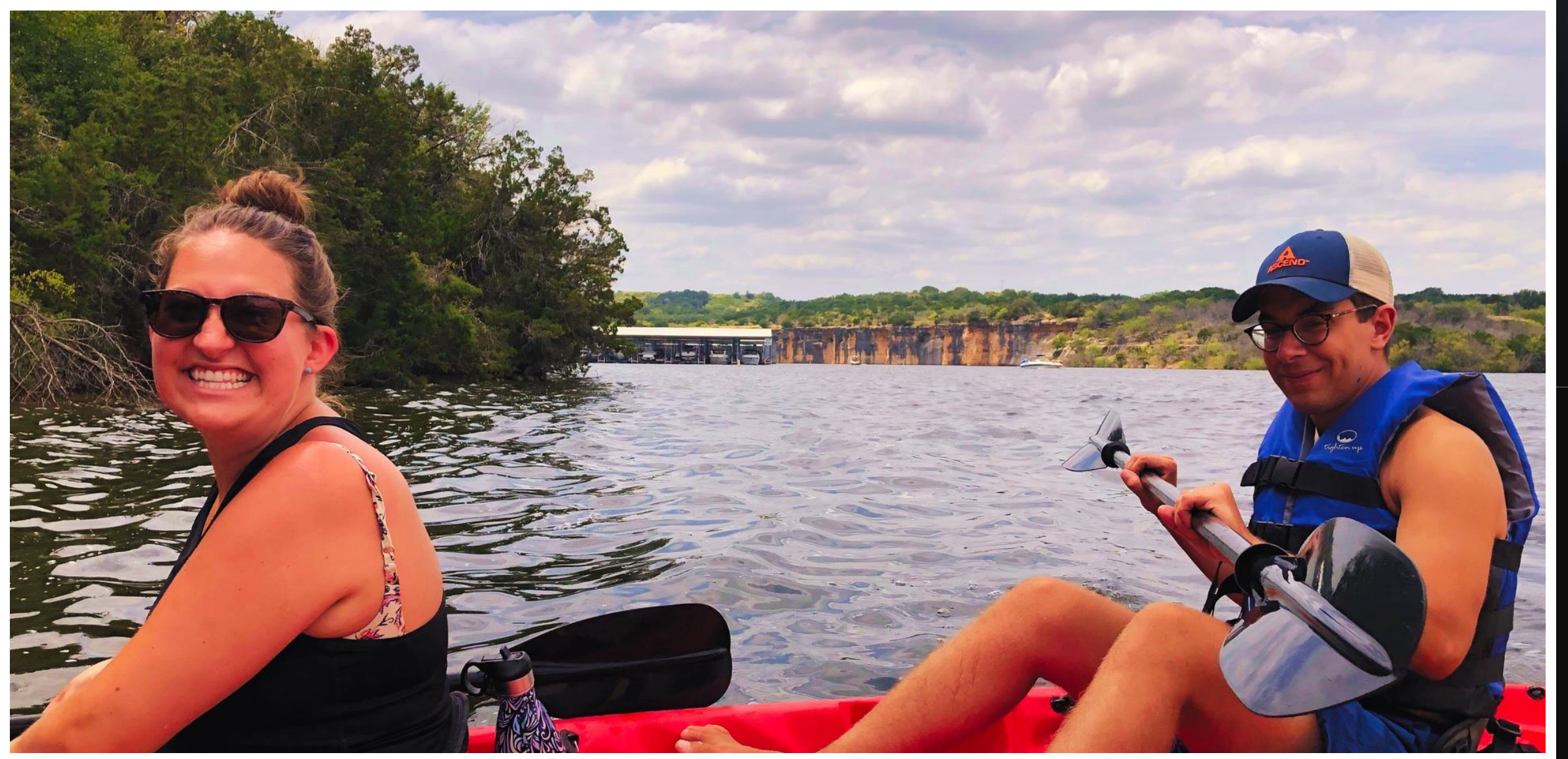
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# What we will see...

Our abiding through Spirit-led  
obedience results in sacrificially loving  
others.



# My Friend Brad.





# Context

- During the Upper Room Discourse
- On the night of his betrayal
- Jesus knows he is headed to the cross

# Setting Up 15:9-13

- 13:14 - Jesus perfectly images sacrificial love
- 14:16 - Believers obey and abide in Jesus through the Spirit
- 15:5 - We can do **NOTHING** apart from Christ

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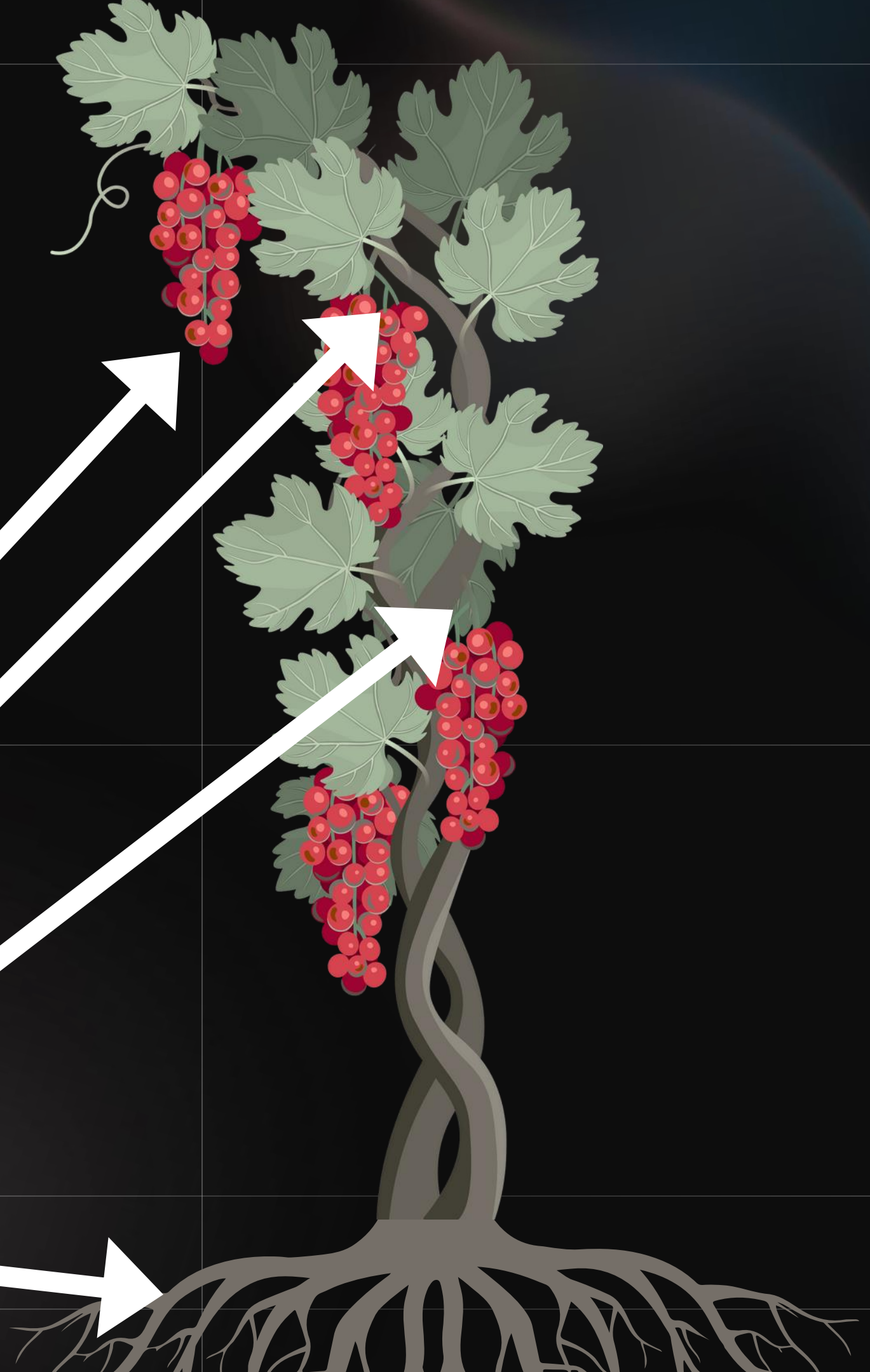
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Christ's Joy (15:11) – The Nutrients

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God's Eternal Love (15:9) – The Roots



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Agape (*Greek*)

An abnormal amount of selfless, sacrificial, and unconditional love that can not be paid back.



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Remain/Abide

Commitment to remain in the same place.

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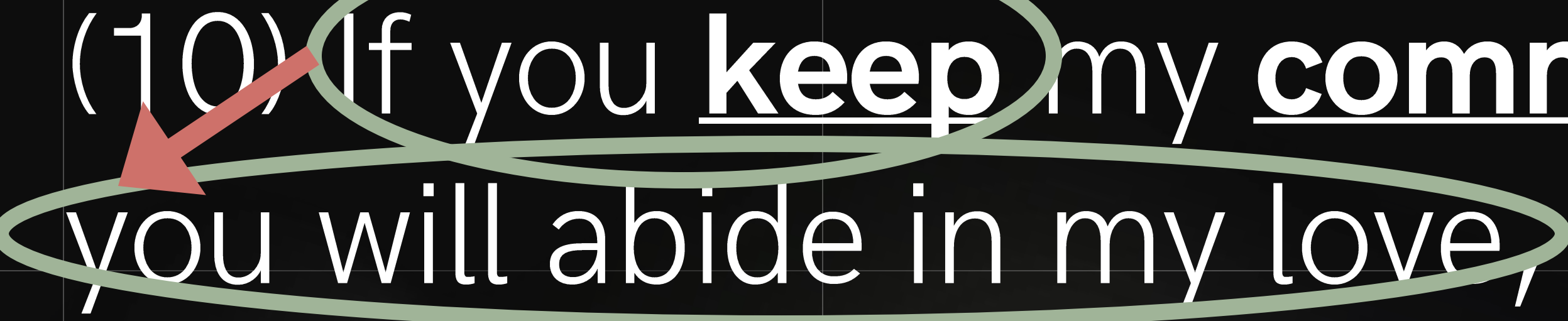
God's Eternal Love (15:9) – The Roots

We must abide in  
God's eternal love  
before we can love  
others.



# John 15:10

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you will abide in my love, just as I have  
kept my Father's commandments  
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A diagram consisting of two overlapping green ovals. The top oval encircles the word 'keep' in the first line of the text. The bottom oval encircles the phrase 'you will abide in my love' in the second line. A red arrow points from the word 'keep' in the top oval down to the word 'abide' in the bottom oval, illustrating the connection between the two concepts.



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Keep

Maintain a position without wavering.

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## Commandment

Order given to achieve a very specific result.

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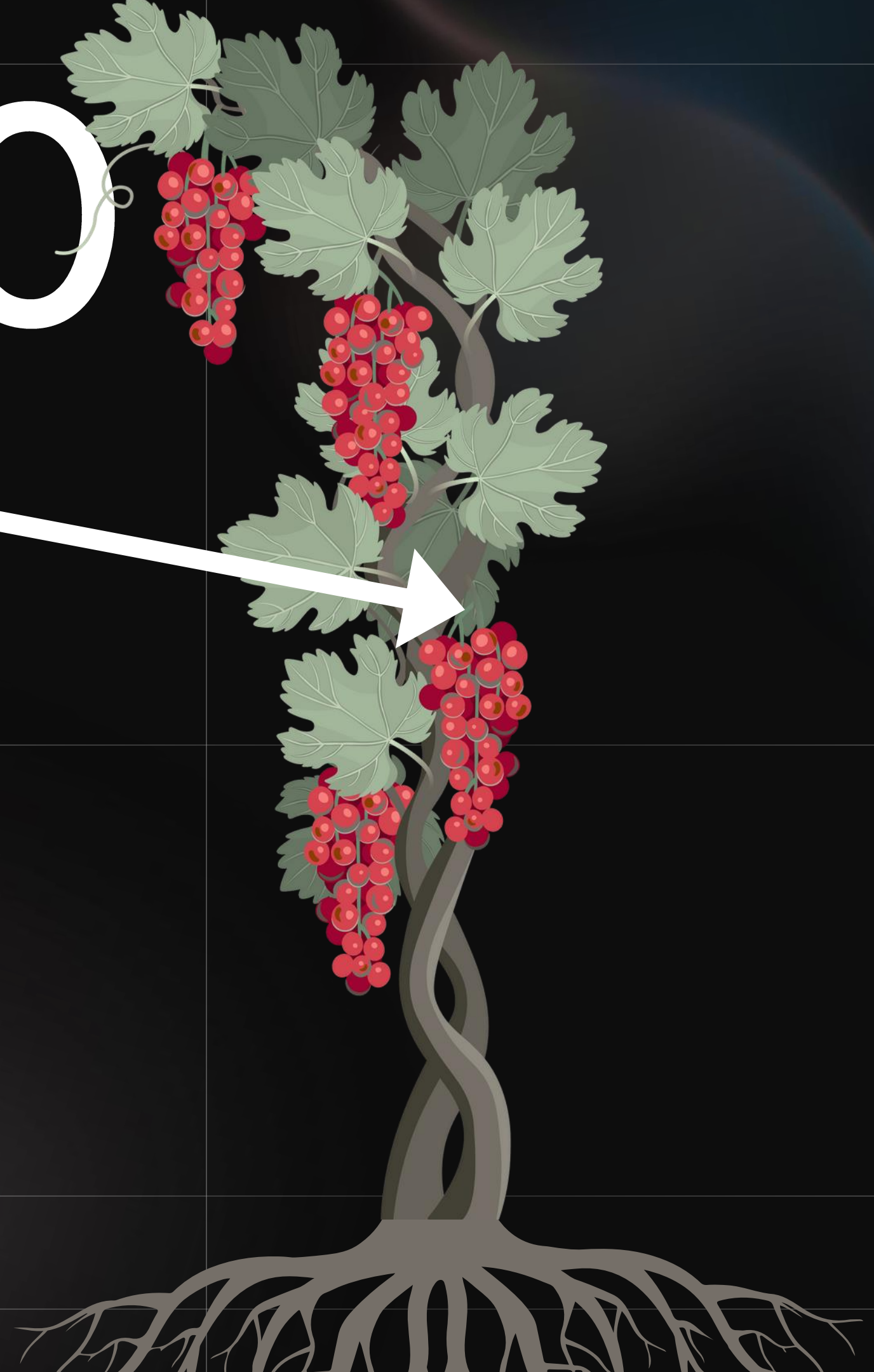
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**GOD LOVES REBELLIOUS SINNERS!**  
**(Romans 5:8)**

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Spirit-Led Obedience (15:10) – The Stem


Spirit-led obedience  
leads to deeply  
experiencing God's  
love.





# John 15:11

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



A diagram consisting of two overlapping green ovals. The top oval encircles the words "my joy" and the bottom oval encircles the words "your joy". A red arrow points from the word "joy" in the top oval down to the word "joy" in the bottom oval, highlighting the connection between the two joys.

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## Joy

A deep, abiding sense of gladness from the Spirit.

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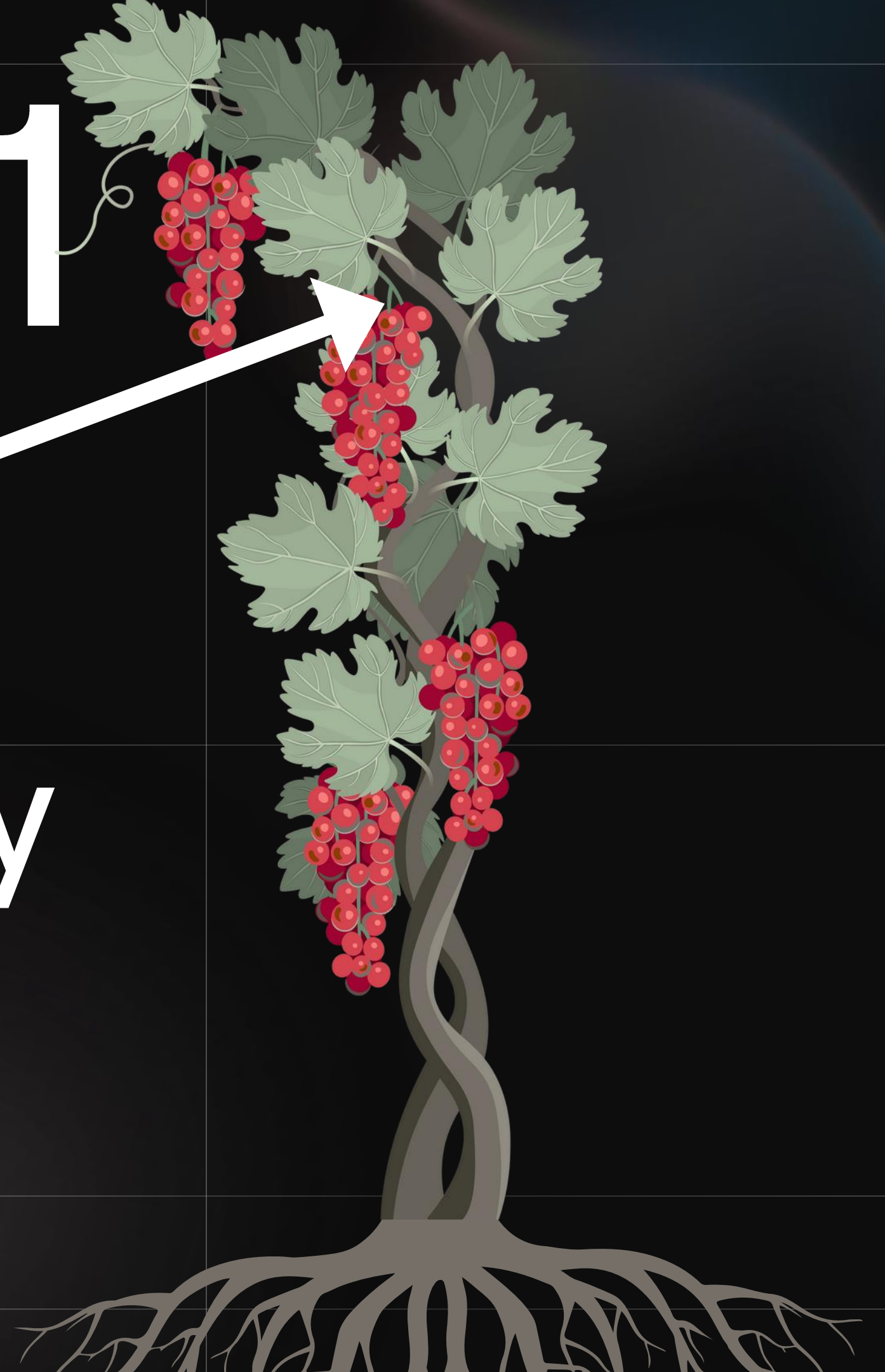
**NO! Joy comes from our  
salvation in Christ!**



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Christ's Joy (15:11) – The Nutrients

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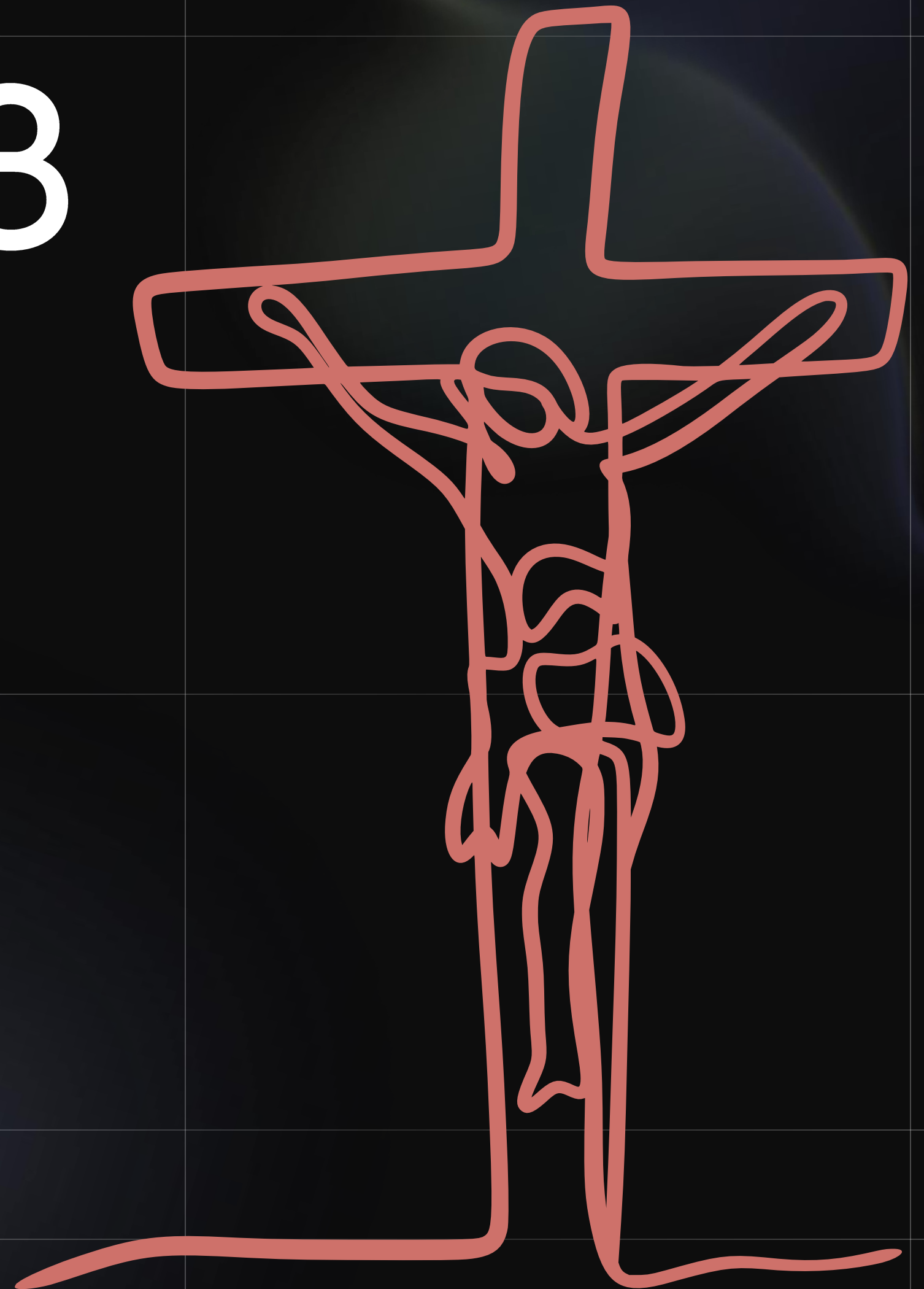
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## THE COMMAND

"Love one another  
as I have loved you."

## THE EXAMPLE

Jesus

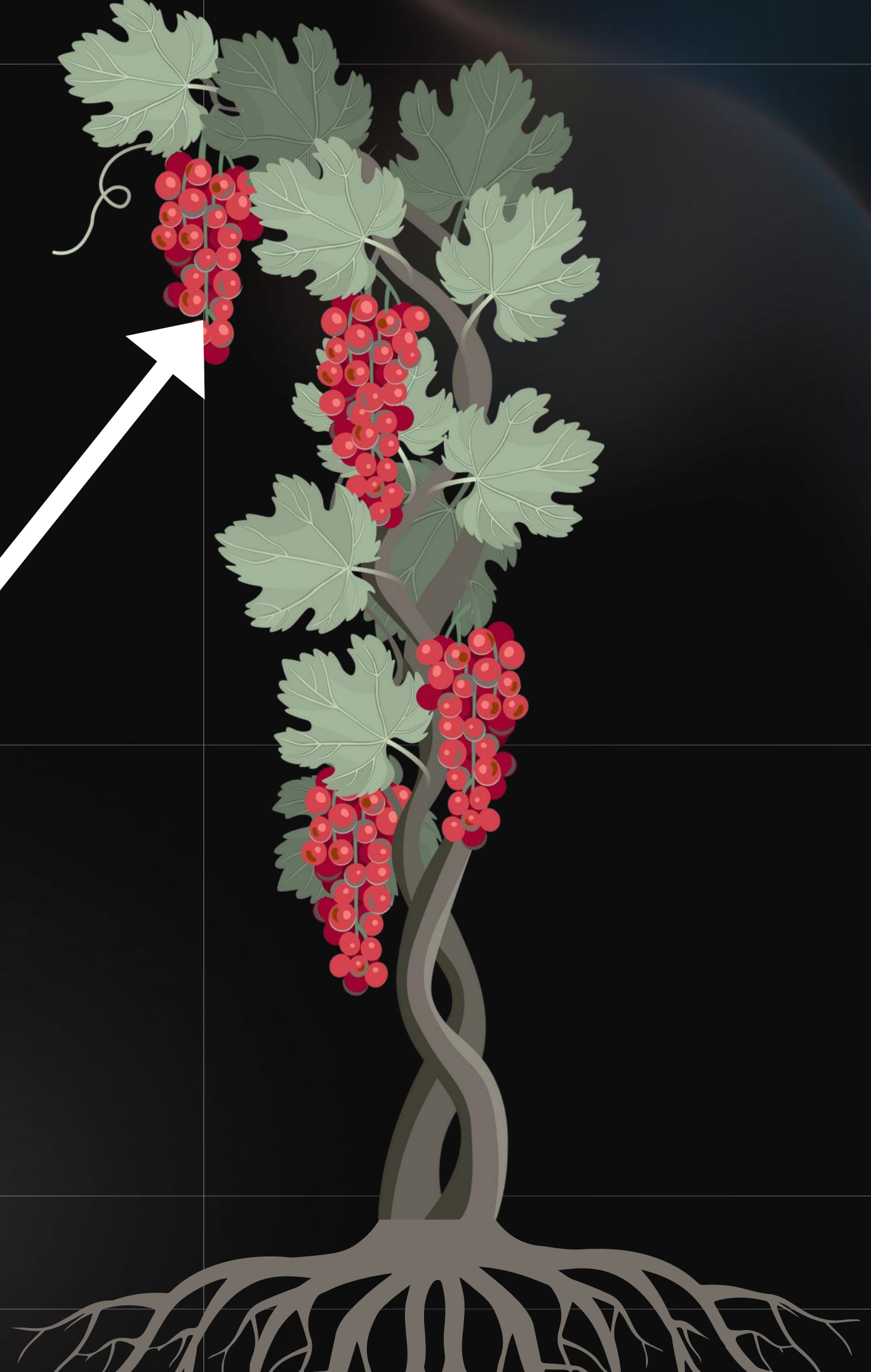




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Sacrificial Love (15:12-13) – The Fruit

Spirit-produced  
Sacrificial Love



# Application

- Believe in the gospel of Jesus
- Submit and rely on the Spirit
- Abide with Jesus
  - Read His Word
  - Pray
  - Hold firmly to God's commands
  - Sacrificially love others



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