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Background Scriptures John 15:1-8 The Message Bible

Key Verse: John 15:4

SUBJECT: "It's All In Who You Know"

Introduction: Relationships are important – I have tried to teach my children and my grandchildren the importance of building fruitful relationships. I share with them that it's important to know someone / have a relationship with someone where you:

- bank
- take your clothes to be cleaned
- the place where you get your car serviced
- with others in your profession
- in city government
- in the deli department where you buy your groceries
- attend church

In the text, we find Jesus teaching His disciples on the importance of having the right relationship with Him.

Sermon Points

Propositional Statement: It's the believers' relationship with Christ that allows them to be productive for the Kingdom's cause.

- **The Vine**
 - John 15:1
 - John 1:1-2
- **The Branches**
 - John 15:5
 - Mark 8:34
 - John 15:2 & 6
- **The Abiding**
 - John 15:4-5
 - Second Corinthians 5:17
 - Romans 8:39

Summary Verse: "If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you." **John 15:7**