

"I AM THE VINE; YOU ARE THE BRANCHES."

THE TRUE *Wine*

JOHN 15:9-17

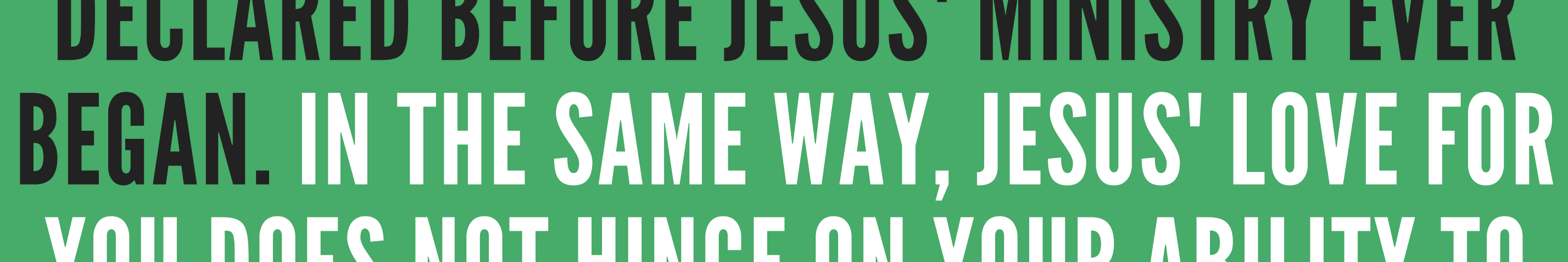
HARBOR
COMMUNITY CHURCH

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**THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR JESUS WAS
DECLARED BEFORE JESUS' MINISTRY EVER
BEGAN. IN THE SAME WAY, JESUS' LOVE FOR
YOU DOES NOT HINGE ON YOUR ABILITY TO
DO "GOOD WORKS."**

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**OUR RESPONSE TO THE UNCONDITIONAL
LOVE OF JESUS SHOULD ALWAYS BE
OBEDIENCE.**




**JESUS CAN USE HIS LIFE AS AN EXAMPLE OF
OBEDIENCE BECAUSE HE WALKED IN
PERFECT OBEDIENCE.**

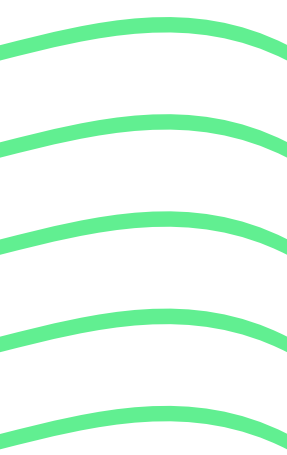
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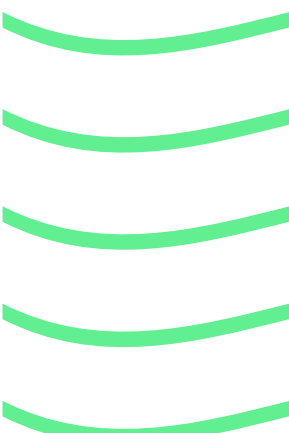


**OBEDIENCE TO JESUS SHOULD LEAD TO
JOY WITHIN THE HEART OF A BELIEVER.**







**TRUE JOY IS NOT DETERMINED BY OUR
EXTERNAL CIRCUMSTANCES. TRUE,
GENUINE, SATISFYING JOY IS ONLY FOUND
IN UNION WITH JESUS.**



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“THIS IS MY COMMANDMENT, THAT YOU LOVE ONE ANOTHER AS I HAVE LOVED YOU. GREATER LOVE HAS NO ONE THAN THIS, THAT SOMEONE LAY DOWN HIS LIFE FOR HIS FRIENDS.

"A NEW COMMANDMENT I GIVE TO YOU, THAT YOU LOVE ONE ANOTHER: JUST AS I HAVE LOVED YOU, YOU ARE TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER. BY THIS ALL PEOPLE WILL KNOW THAT YOU ARE MY DISCIPLES, IF YOU HAVE LOVE FOR ONE ANOTHER."



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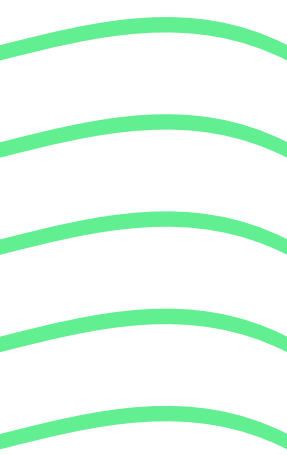
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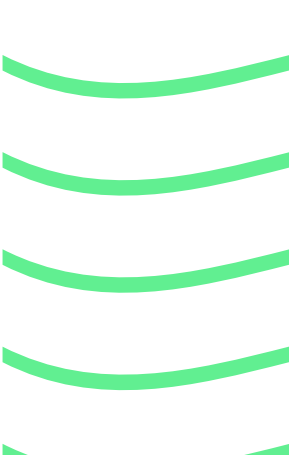
02 SACRIFICIAL.

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03 UNCOMFORTABLE.



**THERE SHOULD BE A UNIQUE AND SPECIAL
LOVE FOR ONE ANOTHER WITHIN THE
CHURCH.**



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**OBEDIENCE TO JESUS' COMMANDS DEFINES
WHAT IT MEANS TO BE HIS FRIEND.**

**THOSE WHO HAVE RECEIVED THE
UNDESERVING SACRIFICIAL LOVE OF JESUS
WILL BE THE ONES WHO KEEP HIS
COMMANDMENTS.**



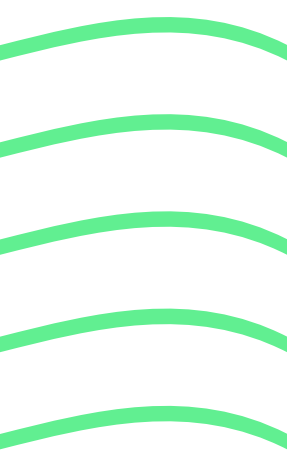
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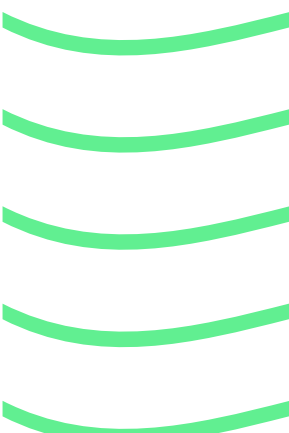


**"FRIENDSHIP" DOES NOT DIMINISH
SUBMISSION.**





**ALTHOUGH BOTH SERVANTS AND FRIENDS
ARE CALLED TO SUBMIT TO JESUS, THE
MAJOR DISTINGUISHING MARK BETWEEN
THE TWO IS AN ACCESS TO DIVINE
REVELATION.**



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**THOSE WHO DRAW LIFE FROM THE VINE
PRODUCE FRUIT FOR BOTH THE WELLBEING
OF OTHERS AND THE GLORY OF GOD.**





**THOSE WHO ABIDE IN JESUS
WILL LOVE LIKE JESUS.**

