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5 Now I will tell you  
what **I am going to do** to my vineyard:  
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6 I will make it a **wasteland**,  
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7 The vineyard of the Lord Almighty  
is the nation of Israel,  
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are the vines he delighted in.

And he **looked for** justice,  
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John 14:10 (NIV)

10 Don't you believe that **I am in the Father**, and that the **Father is in me**? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work.



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John 14:23 (NIV)

23 Jesus replied, “Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and **we will come to them and make our home with them.**”



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9 As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love.

10 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.



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## Galatians 5:22-23 (CEV)

22 ... the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, and self-control.

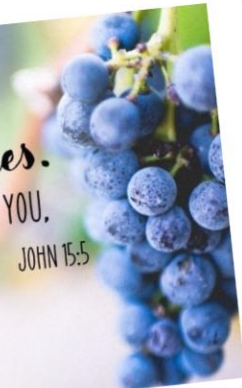


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