

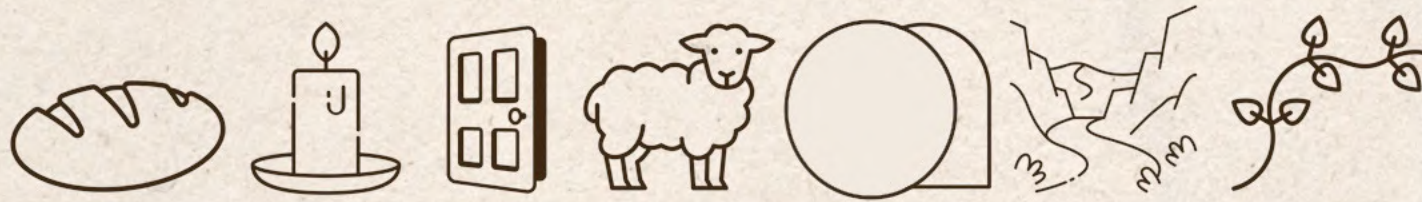


BETWEEN SUNDAYS

Updates with Pastor Dan

COME AND SEE

The “I Am” Statements of Jesus



“Autonomy and self-actualization are consistent messages communicated through both high culture and pop culture. This belief in autonomy permeates nearly every part of our existence.”

-John Pennylegion

“Without me, you can do nothing.”

-Jesus

John 15:1-11



Be completely independent.

Stay constantly connected.

God created us to be
dependent on Him.

We are branches, desperately looking around for a vine. The question isn't whether we're connected, it's what we're connected to.

God grows us through
painful processes.

Embracing the plant life often
means transformation looks
worse before it gets better.

“Striving is not the same as trusting. And surviving is not the same as flourishing. God’s design is not for you to grit your teeth and get to the other side. His design is for you to be so rooted in Him that the hard seasons become the very ground in which you grow. Deeper. Stronger. More fruitful. Resilience that God builds doesn’t just hold under pressure—it produces under pressure. There is a difference.”

—Christine Caine

“No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.”

-Hebrews 12:11

God is working, even
when we can't see it.

“In pruning, how you respond makes all the difference. You can complain, rebel, compromise, or run away. Or you can experience the joy, comfort, and rest that come to disciples who keep their eyes on the prize, not the pain.”

-Bruce Wilkinson

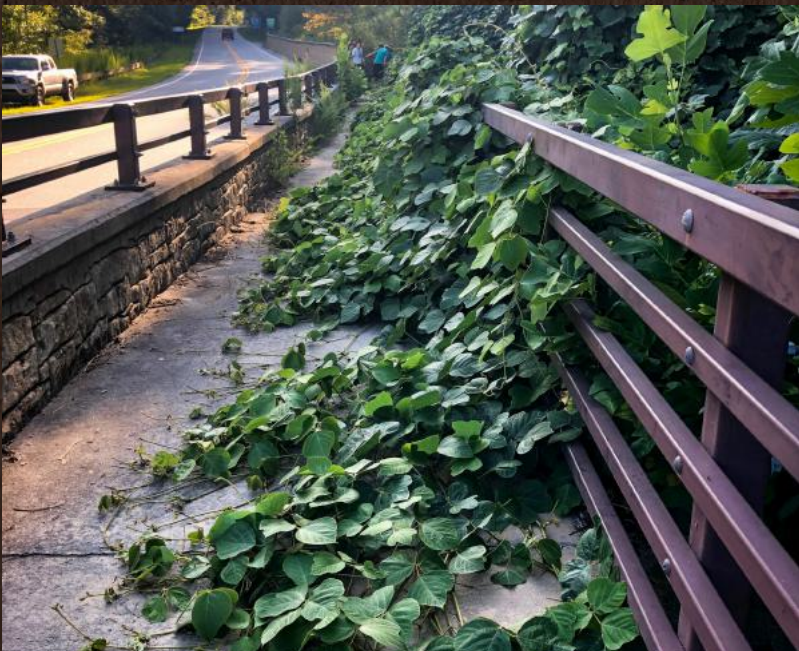
Embracing the plant life requires hidden healing, darkness before growth, not understanding God's perspective, and trusting God's timing and provision.

Lasting fruit comes from a
deep connection to God.

Embracing the plant life
means developing deep roots
that produce lasting fruit.

WHAT IS FRUIT?

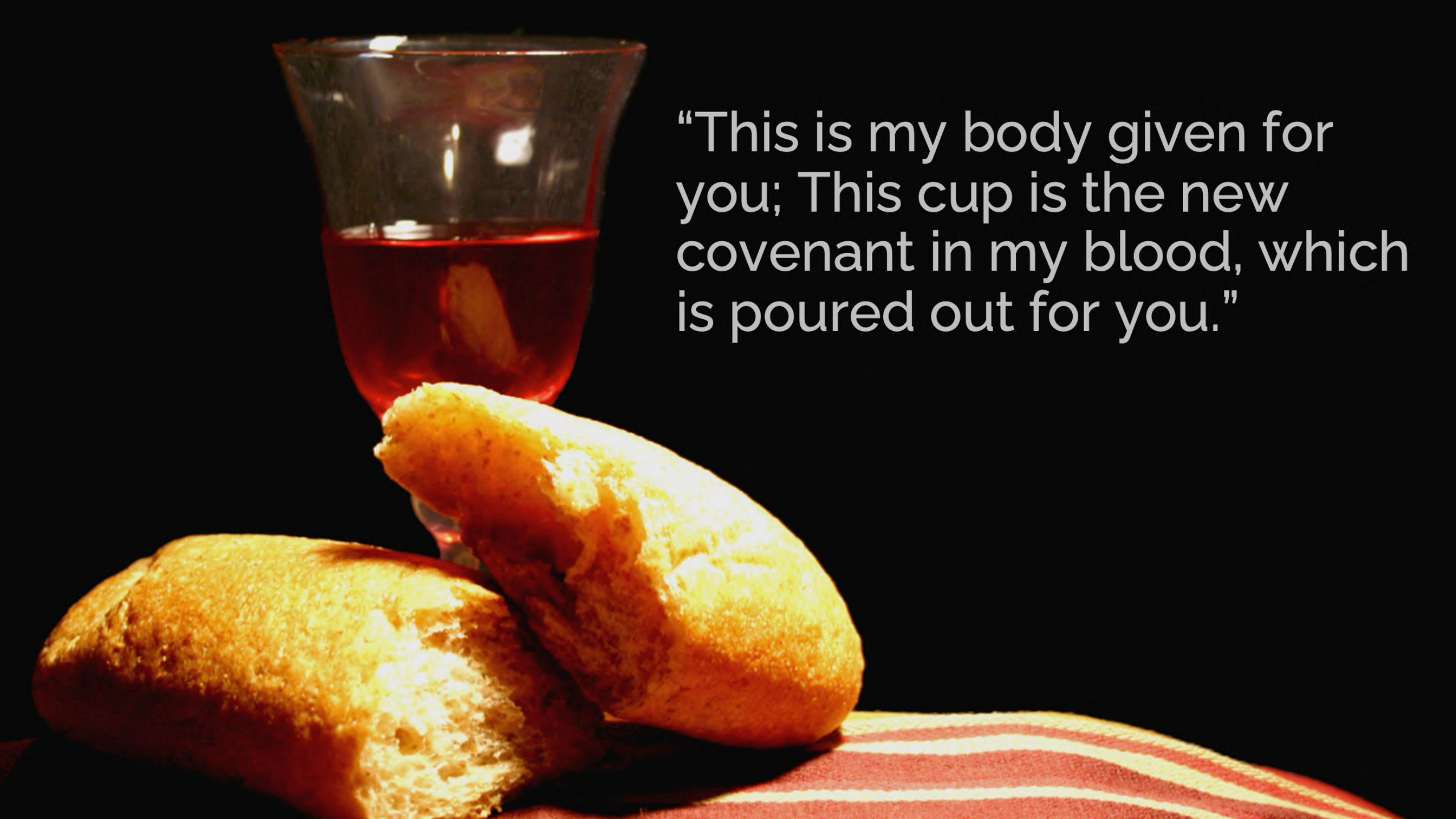
- Outward
 - Good works
 - Attitudes
 - Actions
- Inward
 - Fruits of the Spirit





Not every connection gives life.

Following Jesus is the antithesis of
autonomy and self-sufficiency.

A still life photograph featuring a glass of red wine and two pieces of bread. The glass, partially filled with a deep red liquid, stands behind the bread. The bread is golden-brown and appears to be a small loaf or roll, broken into two pieces. It rests on a red and white striped cloth. The background is solid black, and the lighting is dramatic, highlighting the textures of the bread and the color of the wine.

“This is my body given for
you; This cup is the new
covenant in my blood, which
is poured out for you.”