

THE 5/20 PROJECT

For God so Loved He Gave...



Kingdom Principle 126

Getting Unstuck is not a me thing it's a "We Thing"

Key Scripture

John 15:5

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."

Romans 11:17

"...you, though a wild olive shoot, have been grafted in... and now share in the nourishing sap from the olive root."

I. The Orchard of God — We Are Not Meant to Grow Alone

One of the greatest lies people believe when they feel stuck is this:

"I am alone."

But the Kingdom of God is not built on isolated trees.

It is built on **an orchard**.

Jesus said He is the **True Vine**, and we are the branches.
That means spiritual life flows **through connection**, not independence.

This is why the **5/20 Project** exists.

It reminds people in real time that:

**"Jesus sees you.
Jesus loves you."**

Those words are not just encouragement.

They are evidence that **someone from the orchard noticed them**.

When someone feels unseen, they often feel stuck.

But when they are **seen and loved**, something begins to move again.

II. Three Ways an Apple Tree Reproduces

And How They Appear in the 5/20 Journey

1. Root Sprouts (Suckers) — Trying to Do Life Alone

Sometimes an apple tree sends up shoots from its own roots.

These are called **suckers**.

They grow, but they rarely produce good fruit.

Spiritually, this happens when people try to live life **in their own strength**.

Jeremiah 17:5 warns about trusting human effort rather than the Lord.

Many people in the world are stuck in this place.

They are striving.

Working.

Trying to survive.

But they do not know they are meant to be connected to the **True Source**.

Often, a simple moment interrupts that isolation.

Someone approaches them and hands off a \$20 and says:

“Jesus sees you. Jesus loves you.”

Suddenly they realize:

“Maybe I’m not alone after all.”

2. Grafting — The Power of Connection

Orchards do not grow strong apple trees by seed alone.

They **graft branches into healthy root systems**.

That is how the life of the orchard multiplies.

Romans 11:17 tells us that we were **grafted into God’s family**.

The life of Christ now flows through us.

III. In **The 5/20 Project**, something beautiful happens.

An influencer listens to the Holy Spirit.
They step toward someone.
They offer compassion and a simple gift.

But the true gift is not the money.

The true gift is **connection**.

In that moment, a person who may have felt invisible begins to sense:

“God sees me.”

This is often the first moment where someone realizes:

They may be part of God's orchard too.

Isaiah 55:11 reminds us that God's word **never returns empty**.

There is another truth about orchards that is easy to overlook:

Apple trees don't eat their own fruit.

The fruit that is produced for others comes by perfect design..

In the same way, the love, compassion, and generosity that grow in our lives through Christ are not meant only for ourselves.

They are meant to nourish people around us.

When someone receives compassion through the 5/20 Project, they are tasting fruit from the orchard of God.

And many times, that fruit awakens something inside them.

They begin to wonder:

“If Jesus sees me... maybe He truly loves me too.”

Genesis 16:13

“You are the God who sees me... I have now seen the One who sees me.”

John 11:27

“Yes, Lord,” she replied, “I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world.”

Jesus said: **John 15:8**

“This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit.”

Apples are not produced by isolated trees.

Apples come from **a living orchard** connected to the same root system.

And remember:

Apple trees don't eat their own fruit.

The fruit is meant to feed others.

The **5/20 Project** simply gives believers a way to let the fruit of Christ in their lives **feed someone else in real time**.

Influencers:

- Wait on the Holy Spirit
- Watch for the person God highlights
- Move with compassion
- Speak the truth of Jesus' love

In doing so, they create moments where people can experience the Kingdom **in real time**.

Not as an idea.

But as **a living encounter**.

Conclusion: The Orchard is a “We Thing”

Getting unstuck is rarely something people do alone.

God designed His Kingdom as a **shared life**.

A vine with many branches.

An orchard with many trees.

And remember:

Apple trees don't eat their own fruit.

The fruit of our lives is meant to nourish others.

When believers move with Holy Spirit in compassion, people begin to realize:

They are not alone.

They are seen.

They are loved.

And they are invited into the life of Christ.

Sometimes the first step toward that realization begins with a simple moment:

A believer listening to the Spirit...

And saying:

“Jesus sees you. Jesus loves you.”

Prayer

Holy Spirit.

We received and thank you for allowing us to be Grafted deep into Jesus.

Help us recognize the people you highlight in our daily path.

Give us courage to move with compassion.

Let every act of love grow into lives connected to the True Vine.

May the orchard of God grow through simple acts of obedience.

Amen.

For more information on how you can be involved

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