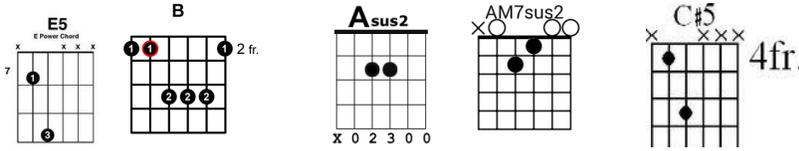


The Vine

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Power chords beginning on 7th fret, bass notes in grey



E5/E Bmaj/D# C#5/E B Asus2>Amaj7sus2>Asus2
 I want to **be** like a **child**, running **wild** around Your **feet**-

F#m B/F# E5
 Wondering, "What's going on?" 😊

Bmaj/D# C#5/E Emaj7sus2/E Asus2>Amaj7sus2>Asus2

I want to **be** where you **are** and have You **here** next to **me** –

F#m B/F# F#m
 All **day**

B/F# F#m B/F#
 Why do I **make** things complicated all of the **time**?

F#m B/F# E5/E
 All I got to **do** is remain in the **vine**.

E5/E Bmaj/D# C#5/E Emaj7sus2/E Asus2>Amaj7sus2>Asus2
 I want to **be** like **Mary** – sitting by Your **feet**,

F#m B/F# E5
 Taking in **each** word You **say**/(Letting the time pass by)
Bmaj/D# C#5/E Emaj7sus2/E

Not **worried** about the "party" (just) letting **time** fly
Asus2>Amaj7sus2>Asus2 F#m B/F# F#m
away – **all** **day**

B/F# F#m B/F#
 (But) why do I **get** so easily distracted all of the **time**?

F#m B/F# E5/E
 All I got to **do** is remain in the **vine**. (All the time, Oh!)

F#m B/F# E5/E
All I got to do is remain in the vine.

Asus2 B
I'm giving you all I have

E5/E Bmaj/D#
All my devotion

C#5/E Emaj7sus2/E
All my emotion

Asus2 B E5
I'm givin' you All I have, I am Yours.

About this song, Vine: We can remain in His love by giving Him all of our devotion and all our emotion. He calls us to love Him with all our heart, our minds and our souls and to love our neighbors as ourselves.

It was only when I let go of the fear of man – what other people think of me – that my worshiping God became a powerful tool in finding intimacy with Him. The day I decided to sing loud and wholeheartedly to God no matter what other people think around me – that was the day I got “hit” by the Spirit of God in a really big way and my calling for music was renewed and confirmed publicly.

Seek first the kingdom of God and all these things will be added unto you....

The Vine and the Branches

15 *“I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. ²He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes³ so that it will be even more fruitful. ³You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. ⁴Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.*

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. ⁶If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. ⁷If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.*

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. ¹¹I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. ¹²My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. ¹³Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command. ¹⁵I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have*

called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. ¹⁷ This is my command: Love each other. (NIV)

When you realize that God is not like a worldly father, but so much better, you begin to receive his forgiveness and love. It starts to heal you and you are renewed in your emotions. As a believer a joy wells up of expectation just like in a child knowing that something exciting and wonderful is about to happen. That's why I wrote the first verse. I see myself running around Jesus' feet in expectation. What is He going to do today? What is he going to teach me? Who is he going to touch through me? ...

Luke 18:15-17

*"...But Jesus called the **children** to him and said, "Let the little **children** come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it."*

God rid us of the fear of man!

We are so worldly-minded! Worried about what people think and trying to make everything perfect – on the outside. But what about on the inside?

Matthew 23:25 - 28

²⁵ "Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You clean the outside of the cup and dish, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence. ²⁶ Blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of the cup and dish, and then the outside also will be clean.

²⁷ "Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You are like whitewashed tombs, which look beautiful on the outside but on the inside is full of the bones of the dead and everything unclean. ²⁸ In the same way, on the outside you appear to people as righteous but on the inside you are full of hypocrisy and wickedness.

Jesus makes rest simple:

Jesus warns us to clean the inside by being washed in the Word daily and being still with Him to know who He is - God. We "make things complicated" and "get distracted all the time". God wants us to enter His rest. That rest we find in our daily time with the Lord. Let us be like Mary and sit at Jesus' feet and let the party – all the business of the world- take care of itself.

John 10:38-42

As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. ³⁹ She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!" ⁴¹ "Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, ⁴² but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."