

**“Finding Rhythm”**

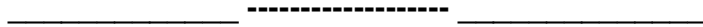
Message 1 in the series, “Awakening Grace”

John 15:1-8

**TODAY’S MAIN IDEA:**

Grace is a \_\_\_\_\_ that Someone has to lead.

**Rhythm / Balance**



**LESSONS FROM THIS PASSAGE:**

- I. We need to be \_\_\_\_\_-minded, not \_\_\_\_\_-minded.
  - “Remain” occurs 8 times in 8 verses
  
2. God prunes in three ways:
  - a. He removes the \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 2a)
  - b. He removes the terminally \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 5c-6)
  - c. He removes the \_\_\_\_\_ to empower the \_\_\_\_\_. (v. 2b)

**John 15:1-8 (NIV)**

<sup>1</sup> “I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. <sup>2</sup> *He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful.* <sup>3</sup> You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup> *Remain* 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. <sup>5</sup> “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.* <sup>6</sup> *If 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.* <sup>7</sup> If you *remain* in me and my words *remain* in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup> This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

**FOR GROW GROUPS AND PERSONAL REFLECTION:**

1. How did you learn how to dance? What was easy for you? What was difficult?
2. How do you define grace? How have you experienced God’s grace in your life? Share an example.
3. Read John 15:1-8 out loud. If you feel comfortable doing so, share one thing that you believe God may need to “prune” out of your life?
4. What’s one thing that you can do – intentionally, rhythmically – to “remain” in Jesus?
5. Review the sermon notes. Focus on # 3 – a, b, and c. Beside each one, list the things in your life, your relationships, your career, etc. that fit those qualifiers. In prayer, ask God to lovingly prune you, so that you may “bear great fruit” for His glory.
6. As you’ve listened to the message or as you read the Scripture passages, what is God bringing to your mind and heart? What do you want to do about it?