

THE ADVENT(UROUS) LIFE: "Tend the Roots"

John 15:1-8

I. Intro: Connections

II. In an image-rich illustration about tending the roots, Jesus describes two kinds of pruning: _____ or _____

A. There is a _____ to growth

I planted the seed in your hearts, and Apollos watered it, but it was God who made it grow. (1 Corinthians 3:6 NLT)

"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. You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you." (John 15:2-3 NIV)

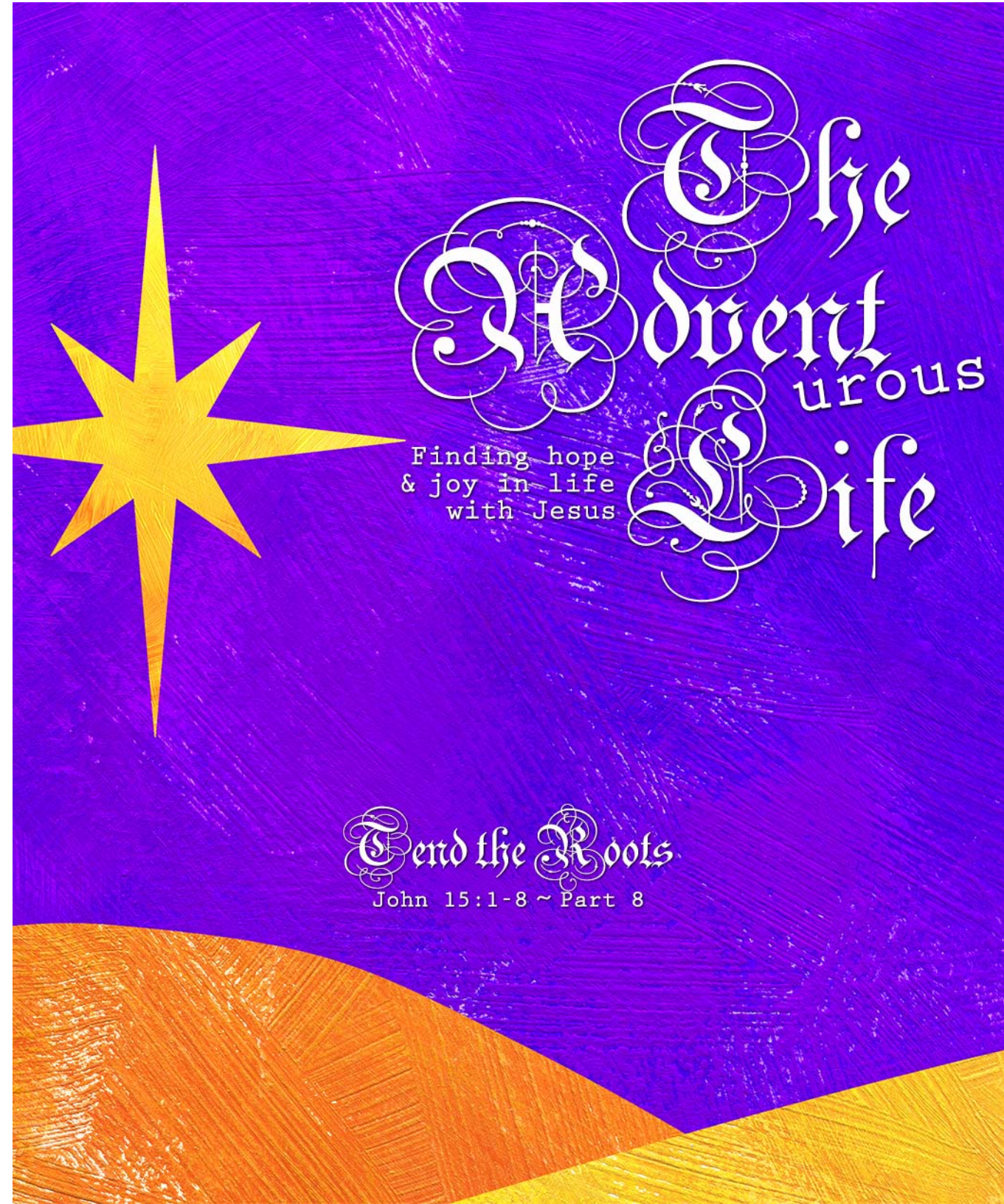
B. The law of the harvest: You _____ what you _____

C. You are _____ to _____ in close relationship with Christ

"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." (John 15:5 NIV)

Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness. (Colossians 2:7 NLT)

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