



**TODAY'S MESSAGE:**



## **Relational Way of Life**

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### **John 15:1-5; 8 (NIV)**

*"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. 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. 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. 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... This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples."*

### **Galatians 2:11-14 (NIV)**

*When Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned. For before certain men came from James, he used to eat with the Gentiles. But when they arrived, he began to draw back and separate himself from the Gentiles because he was afraid of those who belonged to the circumcision group. The other Jews joined him in his hypocrisy, so that by their hypocrisy even Barnabas was led astray.*

*When I saw that they were not acting in line with the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas in front of them all, "You are a Jew, yet you live like a Gentile and not like a Jew. How is it, then, that you force Gentiles to follow Jewish customs?"*

### **Acts 15:7-12 (NIV)**

*After much discussion, Peter got up and addressed them: "Brothers, you know that some time ago God made a choice among you that the Gentiles might hear from my lips the message of the gospel and believe. God, who knows the heart, showed that he accepted them by giving the Holy Spirit to them, just as he did to us. He did not discriminate between us and them, for he purified their hearts by faith. Now then, why do you try to test God by putting on the necks of Gentiles a yoke that neither we nor our ancestors have been able to bear? No! We believe it is through the grace of our Lord Jesus that we are saved, just as they are." The whole assembly became silent as they listened to Barnabas and Paul telling about the signs and wonders God had done among the Gentiles through them.*

**1 Peter 3:14-16a (NIV)**

*Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace. And count the patience of our Lord as salvation, just as our beloved brother Paul also wrote to you according to the wisdom given him, as he does in all his letters when he speaks in them of these matters.*

**Acts 15:36-40 (NIV)**

*Some time later Paul said to Barnabas, "Let us go back and visit the believers in all the towns where we preached the word of the Lord and see how they are doing." Barnabas wanted to take John, also called Mark, with them, but Paul did not think it wise to take him, because he had deserted them in Pamphylia and had not continued with them in the work. They had such a sharp disagreement that they parted company. Barnabas took Mark and sailed for Cyprus, but Paul chose Silas and left, commended by the believers to the grace of the Lord.*

Choose one of the topics from this **Restoring Us** series:

- Conflict
- Listening
- Forgiveness
- Humility
- Speaking

Who?

When?

Fear/roadblock

Where can I make room?

## Reflection Questions:

- 1) Which of these areas of relationships comes most naturally to you? (conflict, listening, forgiveness, humility, or speaking)
- 2) Which area of relationships might God be inviting you to intentionally focus on during the next week? Month?
- 3) What obstacles come to mind when you think of intentional relationship areas in your life? What obstacles or challenges might you face if you don't intentionally grow in these areas?
- 4) What one or two steps can you take to overcome these obstacles you just identified?
- 5) Finish this sentence...*Through the Holy Spirit, I am beginning to realize my next step in relationships...*



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