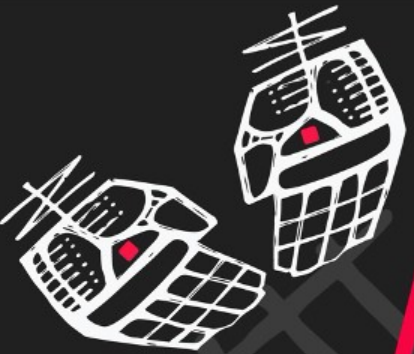


I AM

THE TRUE VINE

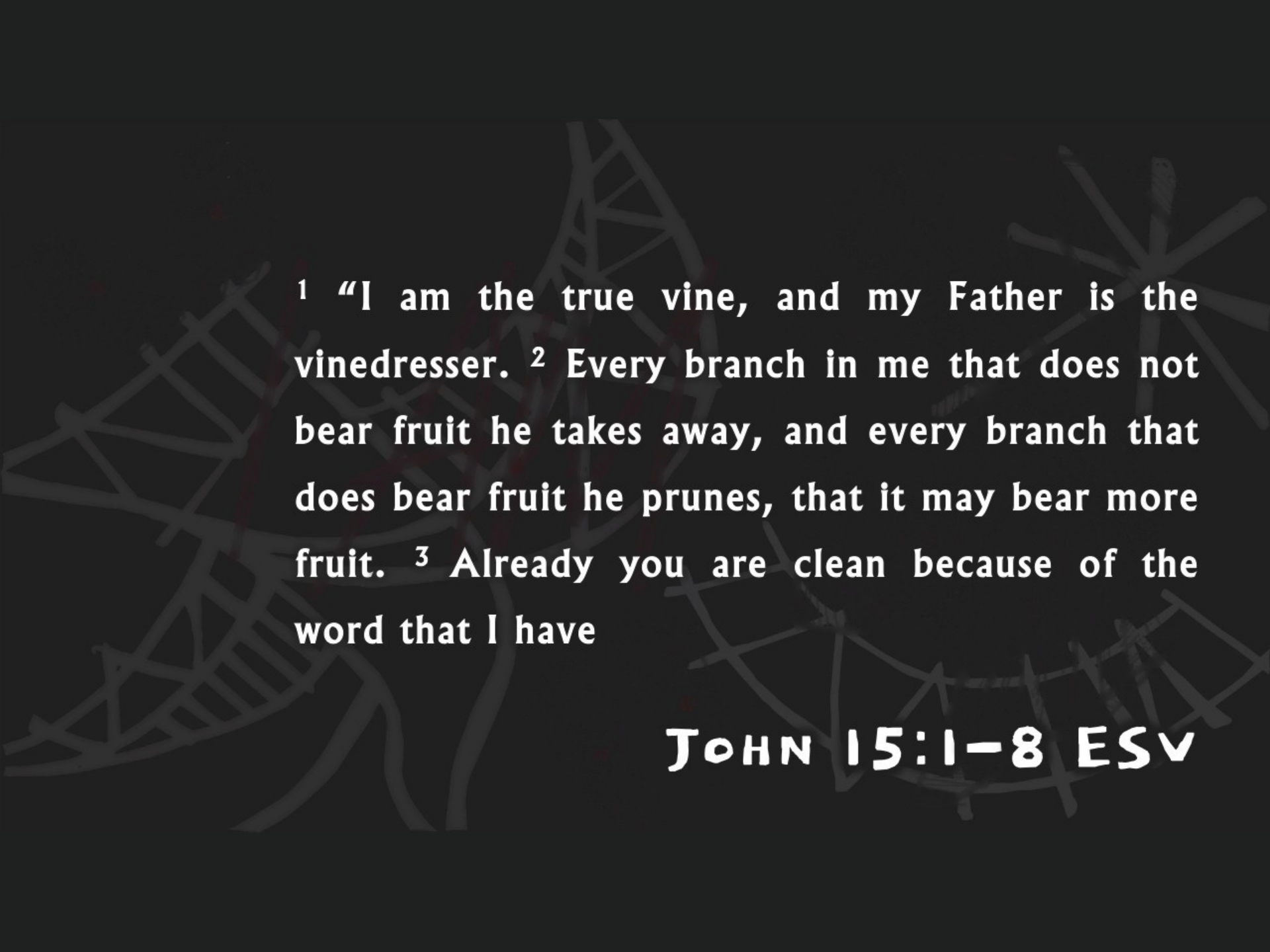


THE SETTING

The background is a dark, textured grey. On the left side, there is a large, faint, stylized line drawing of a circular structure, possibly a dome or a large wheel, with internal cross-bracing. On the right side, there is a smaller, faint, stylized line drawing of a starburst or sunburst shape, with several lines radiating from a central point.

³⁰ “I don't have much more time to talk to you, because the ruler of this world approaches. He has no power over me, ³¹ but I will do what the Father requires of me, so that the world will know that I love the Father. Come, let's be going.”

JOHN 14:30-31 NLT



¹ “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ² Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³ Already you are clean because of the word that I have

JOHN 15:1-8 ESV

spoken to you. ⁴ Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me.⁵ I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ If

JOHN 15:1-8 ESV

anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷ If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.”

JOHN 15:1-8 ESV

GOD'S PRUNING



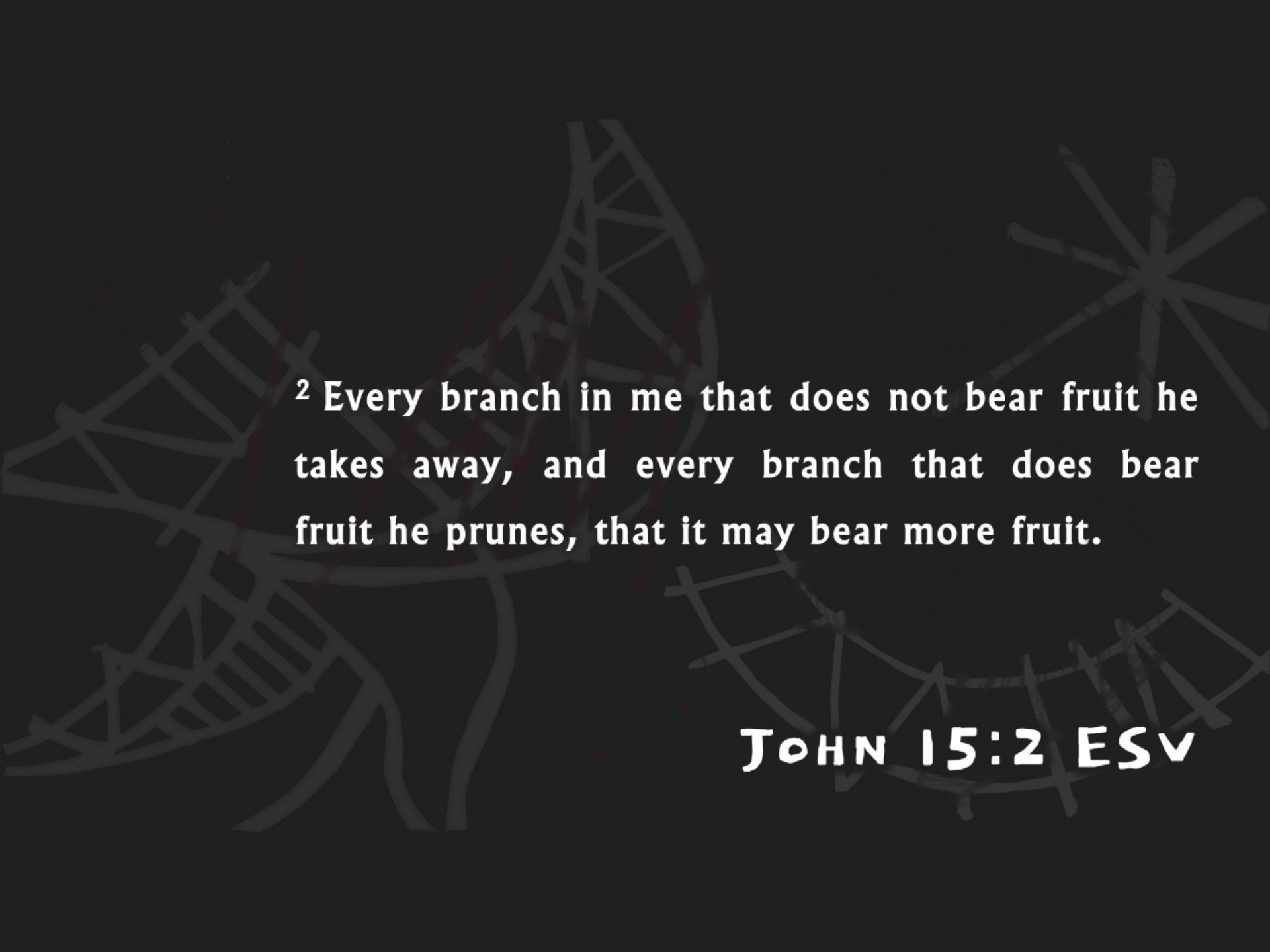
1 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser."

JOHN 15:1 ESV

JESUS IS BASICALLY SAYING YOU ARE
SUPPOSED TO BE THE VINE THAT PRODUCES
FRUIT BUT YOU CANNOT DO IT SO WHERE
YOU ARE UNFRUITFUL, I WILL STEP IN AND
BE FRUITFUL ON YOUR BEHALF.

THE STATEMENT

The background features faint, stylized line art. On the left, there is a large, complex shape resembling a bird or a creature with many overlapping lines. On the right, there is a starburst or sun-like shape with several radiating lines. The overall aesthetic is minimalist and graphic.

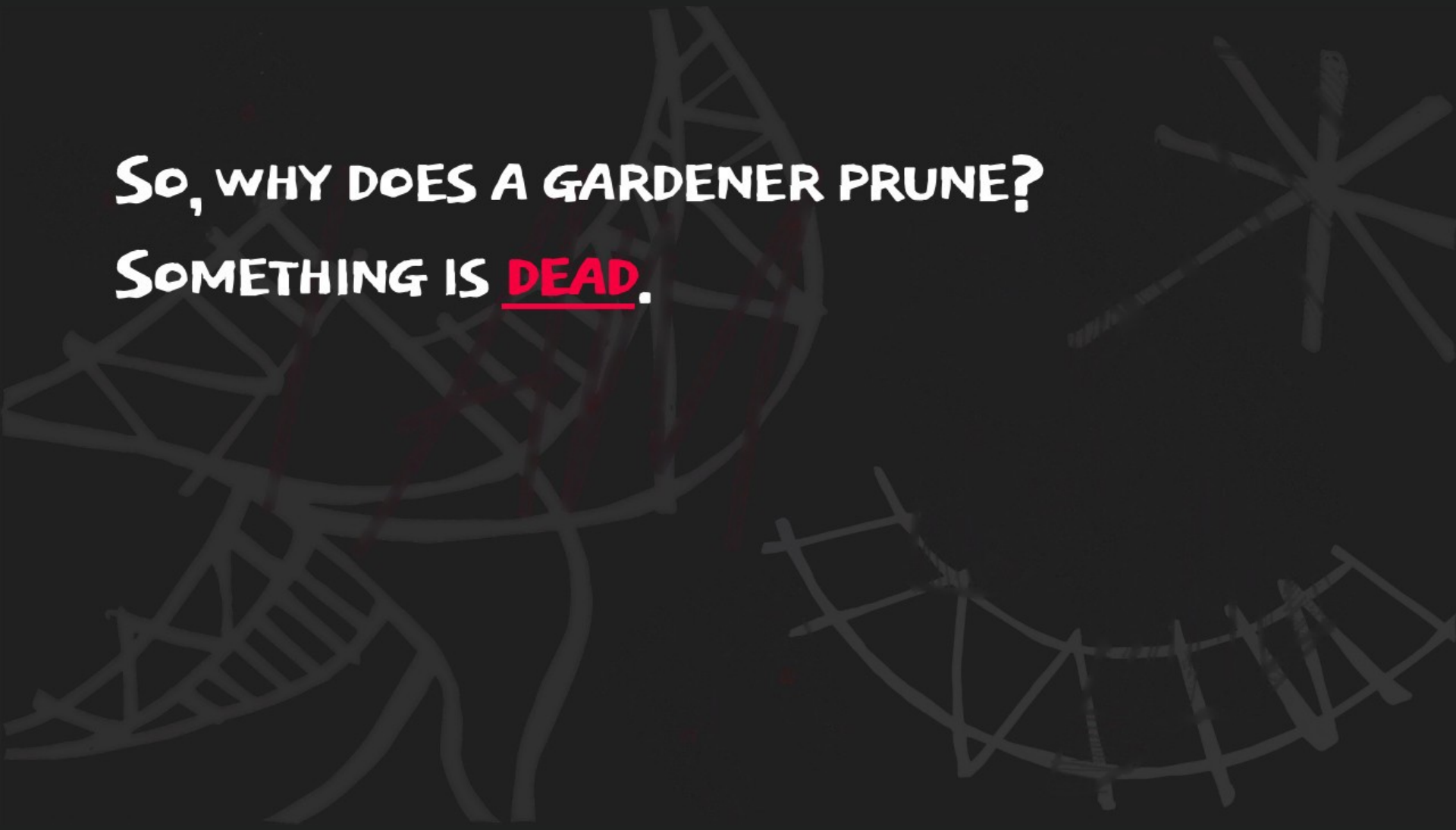


² Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit.

JOHN 15:2 ESV

IN THE LIFE OF A TRUE FOLLOWER OF
JESUS, THERE WILL ALWAYS BE
FRUIT. THERE WILL BE EVIDENCE OF
GOD'S WORK IN OUR HEARTS.

So, WHY DOES A GARDENER PRUNE?
SOMETHING IS DEAD.





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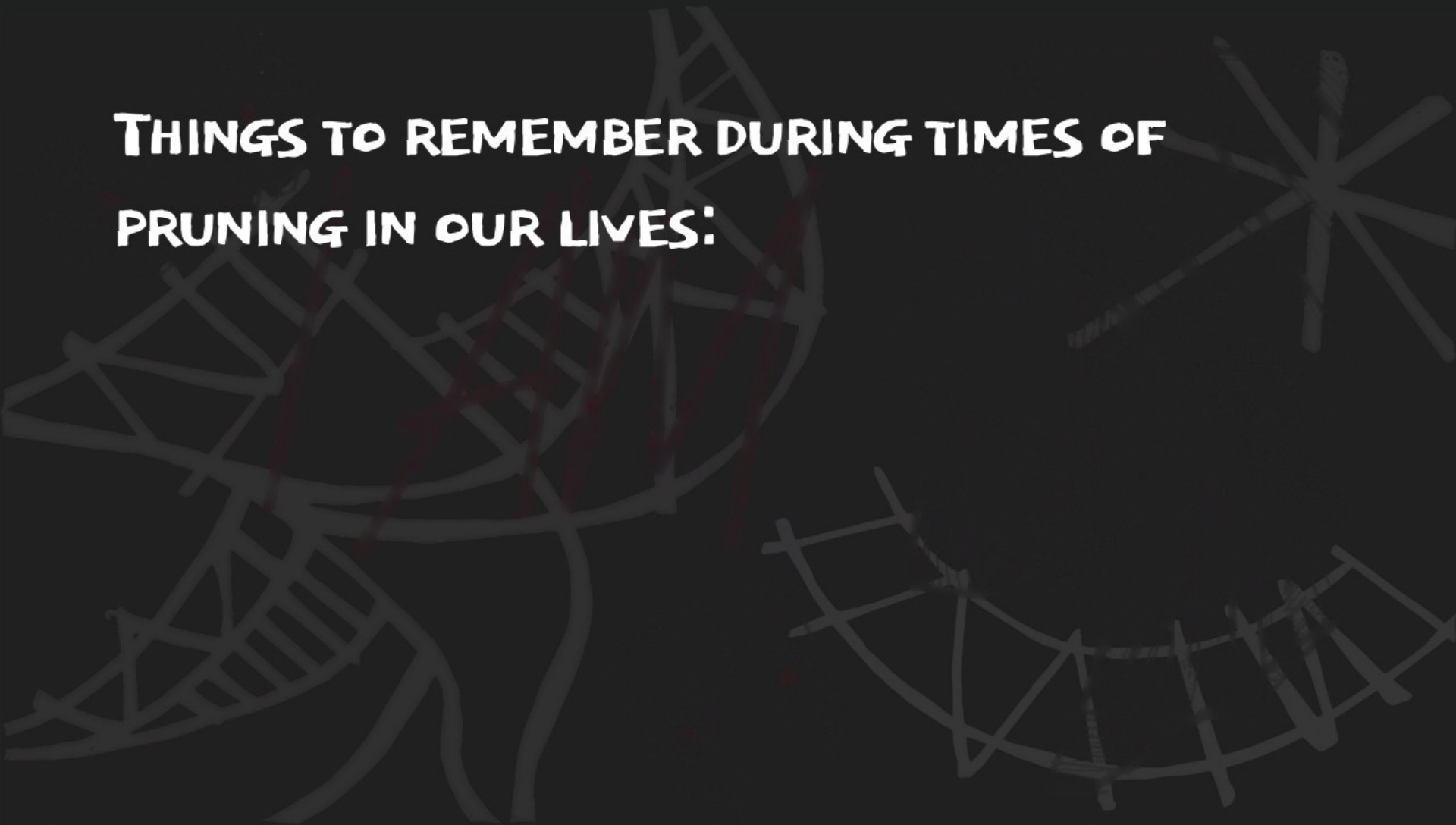
and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit.

JOHN 15:2B ESV

22 But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!

GALATIANS 5:22-23 NLT

**THINGS TO REMEMBER DURING TIMES OF
PRUNING IN OUR LIVES:**





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IF YOU ARE IN A SEASON OF PRUNING, IT DOESN'T NECESSARILY MEAN YOU'VE DONE SOMETHING WRONG.

IN A CHRISTIAN'S LIFE, THE PRUNING NEVER STOPS.

GOD'S PRESENCE

⁴ Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me.⁵ I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is

JOHN 15:4-6 ESV

GOD'S PRESENCE

that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned.

JOHN 15:4-6 ESV

GOD'S POWER

⁷ If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.

JOHN 15:7-8 ESV

**JESUS IS TELLING US WHEN YOU ABIDE AND ARE
CONNECTED TO HIM, GOD'S POWER IS WITH YOU
AND AVAILABLE TO YOU WHEN YOU PRAY PRAYERS
LIKE, "GOD GIVE ME MORE LOVE, PEACE, ETC."**