

SPIRITUAL FORESTRY



Mark 8:22-24 “And they came to Bethsaida. And they brought a blind man to Jesus and implored Him to touch him. Taking the blind man by the hand, He brought him out of the village, and after spitting on his eyes and laying His hands on him, He asked him, “Do you see anything?” And he looked up and said, “I see men for I see them like trees, walking around.”

Psalm 1:1-3 “Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful; But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law he meditates day and night. He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water that bringeth forth fruit in his season, his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.”

Psalm 52:8 “But I am like a green olive tree in the house of the Lord.”

SEEK THE LIGHT



Seek God and the things of God.
Seek His righteousness.

Matthew 6:33 “But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.”

Luke 11:10 “For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened.”

Colossians 3:1 "If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God."

2 Chronicles 7:14 "If My people who are called by My name humble themselves, and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land."

John 3:19 “This is the verdict, Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil.”

Revelation 22:5 “And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light, and they shall reign for ever and ever.”

Like trees, we start out in darkness, but we need to grow into the light. We need to seek the light with all that we have.



LIVING WATER



John 4:10-14 “Jesus answered and said to her, “If you knew the gift of God, and Who it is Who says to you, “Give Me a drink”, you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water.” She said to Him, “Sir, you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep, where then do You get that living water? You are not greater than our father Jacob, are You, who gave us the well, and drank of it himself and his sons and his cattle?” Jesus answered and said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again; but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him shall never thirst, but the water that I will give him will become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life.”

John 7:37-39 “Now on the last day, the great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, “If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, “From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water.” But this He spoke of the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive; for the Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.”

John 6:63 “It is the Spirit Who gives life, the flesh profits nothing; the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and are life.”

Psalms 63:1 “O God, You are my God; I shall seek You earnestly, my soul thirsts for You, my flesh yearns for You, in a dry and weary land where there is no water.”

Jeremiah 17:7-8 “Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, and whose hope is the Lord. For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters and that spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease yielding fruit.”

The water of life is the Spirit filled life that we need to drink as much as we can.

Where's the water?



GOOD SOIL



The alder



CNN, Fox News, Bitterness, Anger,
Facebook, Pride, Tik Tok, Money,
Greed, Disney

VS

Scripture, prayer, fasting, worshiping,
meditation, Love, Faith, Hope, Serving,
Giving

Proverbs 15:14 “The heart of him who has understanding seeks knowledge, but the mouths of fools feed on folly.”

Psalms 34:10 “The young lions suffer want and hunger, but those who seed the Lord lack no good thing.”

Matthew 13:3-8. In verse 7 states *“And other fell on the good soil and yielded a crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, and some thirty.”*

STRONG ROOT SYSTEMS



Develop strong roots in the Word to anchor yourself for the storms.

Psalm 92:12-15 “The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree.”

How does a palm tree survive hurricanes:

1. Leaves that fold over like our hands praying.
2. A trunk that is flexible and can bend without breaking in the wind.
3. A very large root system to hold onto and anchor itself.

Flying Cat anyone?



STANDING TALL



Stand firm in Jesus.

Stand firm in Scripture.

Stand firm in Truth.

Stand firm in actions.

Stand firm in words.

1 Corinthians 16:13 “Listen, stay alert, stand tall in the faith, be courageous, and be strong.”

Matthew 10:32-33 “Whoever acknowledges Me before men, I will also acknowledge him before My Father in heaven. But, whoever disowns Me before men, I will disown him before My Father in heaven.”

No matter what may land on you,
always grow straight and tall.



OVERCOMING



Growing up out of the weeds to the point of killing them off.

Matthew 13:3-8. In verse 7 states
“Others fell among the thorns, and the thorns came up and choked them out.”

Zechariah 13:9 “And I will put this third into the fire, and refine them as one refines silver, and test them as gold is tested. They will call upon My name, and I will answer them. I will say, “They are My people”, and they will say, “The Lord is my God.”

1 Peter 1:7 “So that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.”

Isaiah 43:1-2 “But now, thus says the Lord, your Creator, O Jacob, and He Who formed you, O Israel, “Do not fear, for I have redeemed you, I have called you by name, you are Mine! When you pass through the waters, I will be with you, and through the rivers, they will not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be scorched, nor will the flame burn you.”

Surviving the fire



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Luke 13:6-9 “And He began telling this parable, “A man had a fig tree which had been planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it and did not find any. And he said to the vineyard keeper, Behold, for three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree without finding any.

Cut it down! Why does it even use up the ground? And he answered and said to him, Let it alone, sir, for this year too, until I did around it and put in fertilizer, and if it bears fruit next year, fine, but if not, cut it down.”

Stirring up the ground.

Having a lot of smelly stuff dumped on you

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