

SELAH #2: PSALM 1 "ROOTED"

Great Storm of 1987, which struck England and parts of northwest Europe on the night of **October 15 1987** • **Winds reached up to 120 mph** • **Over 3 million trees** were **uprooted and destroyed**. TREES LOOKED STABLE/STRONG -uprooted bc: **Surface saturation. Shallow Roots.**

- **SURFACE SATURATION:** easy access to water roots didn't go deep
- **SHALLOW ROOTS:** can't anchor in the soil, tap into topsoil not bedrock

PSALMIST LIKENS BELIEVERS TO TREES

- **CURRENT CULTURE:** so avail tk 4 granted, roots don't go deep – **STORM COMES**

Prolific: People abandoning their faith. Podcasts/Books encouraging other same

1 Timothy 4:1 Now the Spirit expressly says that in later times some will depart from the faith by devoting themselves to deceitful spirits and teachings of demons.

- Role of Spiritual Leaders Ensure You are Rooted (**U REMAIN STANDING**)

Ephesians 4:11 And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, ¹²to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ.

- **THRIVE 1st...**Everyone wants to thrive **yield, unwithering, prosper**

MP: 2025 is the year of being rooted in your faith. When you are rooted, you will thrive. When I am rooted in my faith I will thrive. (SAY IT) no bypass. shortcut

ROOTED: We are a community of Jesus followers who worship God, grow as disciples, and reach Las Vegas and the world with the gospel of Jesus. 3 KEYS

IN 2025 ROOT YOURSELF TO THE ROCK OF GOD'S WORD

The PSALMIST SECRET TO STRENGTH – DEVOTED TO GOD'S WORD

- **Meditate:** To mull it over, chew on it. **DAILY. CONNECT TO CHRIST (comm)**

Sunday isn't the stand-alone spiritual moment. It is the launching point for the rest of your spiritual week. It sets the pattern.

- **God's Word – Worship - Prayer - Generosity – Community**

Acts 2:42 **ROOTED:** And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴And all who believed were together and had all things in common. ⁴⁵And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, **THRIVE:** they received their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

- The early church understood value. **DEVOTED THEMSELVE**

And on the day called Sunday, all who live in cities or in the country gather together to one place, and the gospels of the apostles or the writings of the prophets are read; then, when the reader has ceased, the president verbally instructs, and exhorts to the imitation of these good ... JUSTIN MARTYR 145 AD

- We need to get back to that (**ALL THE STATS POINT AWAY FROM THIS**)

FEWER PEOPLE DEVOTED. (42-38-30 weekly) work. Club Sports. Hobbies. Self-Care Day. Spiritual w/o church. COVID habits (new norm) –

2 Timothy 3:16 All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man/woman of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

DEVOT WEEKLY - DAILY DEVO 30 DAYS CHALL – SUMMER WORSHIP NIGHTS – PRAYER EXPERIENCE NIGHTS - AWAKEN LOCATIONS

EXPERIENCE GOD - WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU ARE ROOTED

- **GOD WILL RESOURCE U:** God gives u everything you need... **SUMMER FORGOT TO WATER Rachel's Lantana.** Plants w/o wither. People wither w/o consistent water/word
- **GOD WILL STRENGTHEN U:** Roots go deep. Roots hold you to God. **DAD IN NEED**
- **GOD WILL GROW U:** Life decisions - Walk, Stand, Sit

We don't want to be a church that is a mile wide and an inch deep. **DEEP AND WIDE**

Jeremiah 17:7 Blessed is the man/woman who trusts in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. ⁸He/she is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit."

THAT IS THE SECOND ASPECT - GROW