

SERMON NOTES



Rooted in God's Grace Week 1: "God's Word!"

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*"For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters,
Which spreads out its roots by the river,
And will not fear when heat comes;
But its leaf will be green,
And will not be anxious in the year of drought,
Nor will cease from yielding fruit." -Jeremiah 17:8*

Evaluate your heart – Put an "X" on each line.

CONFUSION ----- CLARITY
MEANINGLESS ----- PURPOSE
FEAR ----- PEACE

How does the Word of God ground our hearts?

1. The Bible gives us God's _____!

- *John 8:31-32 To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. 32 Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."*
- *John 17:16 They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. 17 Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.*
- *Isaiah 40:8 The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever."*

2. The Bible guides us through _____!

- *Psalms 119:105 Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.*

- *Psalm 1:1-3 Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers. 2 But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. 3 He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers.*
- *Matthew 7:24 "Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. 25 The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. 26 But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. 27 The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash."*

3. The Bible grounds us in God's _____!

- *Romans 10:17 Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ.*
- *Ephesians 1:13 And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, 14 who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory.*
- *Ephesians 2:8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— 9 not by works, so that no one can boast. 10 For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.*

When I am in God's Word...

- **God's _____ gives me _____.**
- **God's _____ gives me _____.**
- **God's _____ gives me _____.**

Challenge: ONE verse of God's Word every day!

- *What truth does it give me?*
- *What guidance does it provide?*
- *What grace does it assure me of?*

MY PERSONAL NOTES

Everyone Outreach Witness Idea: Take the passage you read today and ask God for an opportunity to share a truth from it with someone!

NEXT SUNDAY: Rooted: Grounded in Relationships!

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And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, 18 may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, 19 and to know this love that surpasses knowledge— that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

Ephesians 1:17-19

SERMON REFLECTIONS: Apply to My Life

The thought the Spirit is leading me to focus on is:

The change the Spirit is leading me to work on is:

The action the Spirit is prompting me to take is:

My prayers today are:

Someone I would like to bless with today's message: