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**Deepen Your Roots #6**

Another Journey

- To Nepal
- Reading through Joshua
- “What makes this reading so helpful?”
- Scripture reading is sometimes difficult
- “Why are these readings so helpful now?”

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**Deepen Your Roots #6**

Difficulty Reading

- There are difficult parts of the Bible.
- There are dull times of reading.
- Do you, at times, have these issues?

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Difficult Readings

- How do you spend your time in the Word?
- Is your time fruitful?
- What makes it so fruitful?
- Is your time fruitful? Always?
- What do you do when you feel dry and empty?

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## Deepen Your Roots #6

### Bible Teaching — Jesus' Words

- “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven” (Mat 5:3).
- “And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me” (Mat 10:38).
- “Then Jesus said to His disciples, “If anyone wishes to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me”” (Mat 16:24).

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## Deepen Your Roots #6

### Apostle's Thoughts on Dying to Self

**“I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me, and delivered Himself up for me” (Gal 2:20).**

- Two parts
  - “Crucified with Christ” — dead to self-will
  - “Christ lives in me” — attentive to God's will
- “By faith”
- In gratefulness

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## Deepen Your Roots #6

### Bible Teaching — Other Scripture

“And after He had removed him, He raised up David to be their king, concerning whom He also testified and said, “I HAVE FOUND DAVID the son of Jesse, A MAN AFTER MY HEART, **who will do all My will**” (Act 13.22 ESV).

“Always carrying about in the body the dying of Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body. 11 For we who live are constantly being delivered over to death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh” (2 Cor 4:10-11).

- “Dying to self” — Prioritizing the Lord's wishes over our own will.
- Your trust level in God is significant. You can say, “I don't know how ... but I will trust Him.”

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## Parable of the Sower (Mark 4)

13 And He said to them, “Do you not understand this parable? And how will you understand all the parables? 14 “The sower sows the word. 15 “And these are the ones who are beside the road where the word is sown; and when they hear, immediately Satan comes and takes away the word which has been sown in them. 16 “And in a similar way these are the ones on whom seed was sown on the rocky places, who, when they hear the word, immediately receive it with joy; 17 and they have no firm root in themselves, but are only temporary; then, when affliction or persecution arises because of the word, immediately they fall away. 18 “And others are the ones on whom seed was sown among the thorns; these are the ones who have heard the word, 19 and the worries of the world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the desires for other things enter in and choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful. 20 “And those are the ones on whom seed was sown on the good soil; and they hear the word and accept it, and bear fruit, thirty, sixty, and a hundredfold.”

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## Deepen Your Roots #6

### The Process

- What does “dying to self” look like?
- How does one tie “dying to self” to create good soil and a fruitful study in God’s Word?

“Father, if Thou art willing, remove this cup from Me; yet not My will, but Thine be done” (Luke 22:42).

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## Deepen Your Roots #6

### List Items of Importance

- Write down what is most important to you.
- Prioritize them (10-15 things or people)
- Repent from illegitimate desires, identify and repent
- Pray: “Lord it is horrible that I..., Lord forgive me for too long....., I don’t want to
- Observe what you love and release them
- Don’t say “I can’t” but as Joshua, “How do I proceed?”

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## Deepen Your Roots #6

### Facing Vulnerable Situations

**“Rejoice always in the Lord” (Phil 4:4)**

- BUT**
- Weakness
  - Frailties
  - “Senioritis”
  - Incapabilities

*How do you handle weaknesses?*

**Instead of fighting or denying, accept weaknesses and rejoice in Christ.**

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## Deepen Your Roots #6

### Observe the Need for Self Denial

- Identify signs, reminders of the need for brokenness
- Be broken for self, family, neighbors, church
- Seek God’s abounding grace for our individual and community needs.



Wherever you dig,  
you make room to  
be filled!

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## Deepen Your Roots #6

### Habakkuk 3:17-19

17 Though the fig tree should not blossom, And there be no fruit on the vines, Though the yield of the olive should fail, And the fields produce no food, Though the flock should be cut off from the fold, And there be no cattle in the stalls, 18 Yet I will exult in the LORD, I will rejoice in the God of my salvation. 19 The Lord GOD is my strength, And He has made my feet like hinds' feet, And makes me walk on my high places. For the choir director, on my stringed instruments.

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## Deepen Your Roots #6

### Discussion Questions

- What does “dying to self” mean?
- List 3 Biblical passages that support this teaching.
- Why is it so hard to die to oneself?
- What is the hardest area for you to trust the Lord with?




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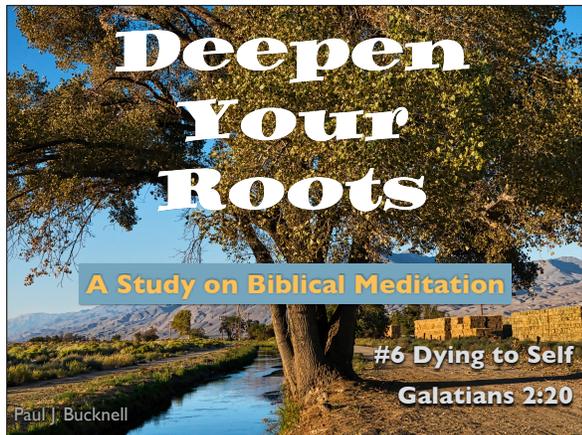
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## Deepen Your Roots #6

### The Process

- So how does one die to oneself?
- The battle for our wills
- The preference of God's will over our own

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