ROMANS 11:17–36

The Olive Tree

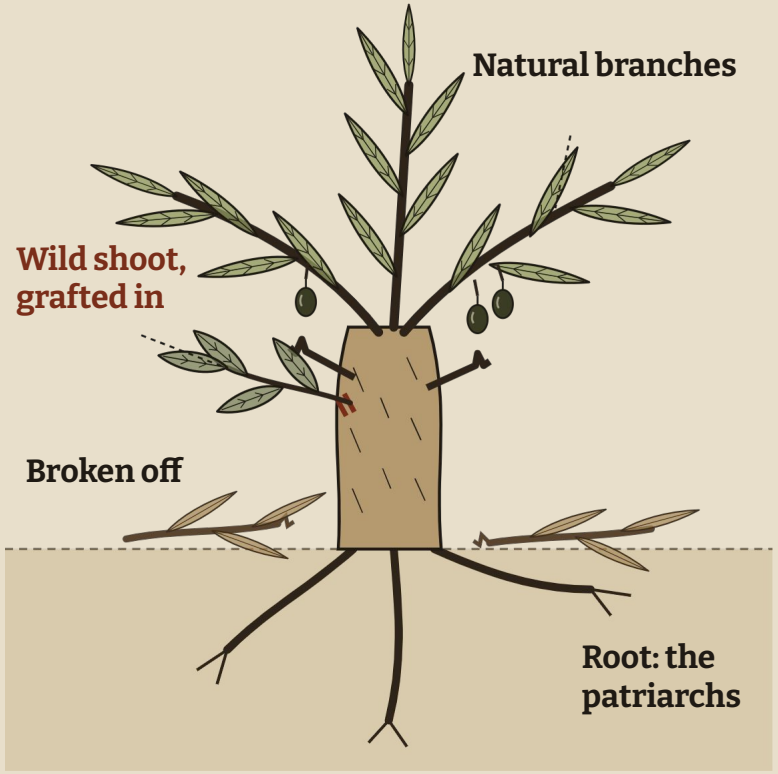
Branches broken off, a wild shoot grafted in, and the root that carries them all

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FIG. 1 · THE FRUITING OLIVE

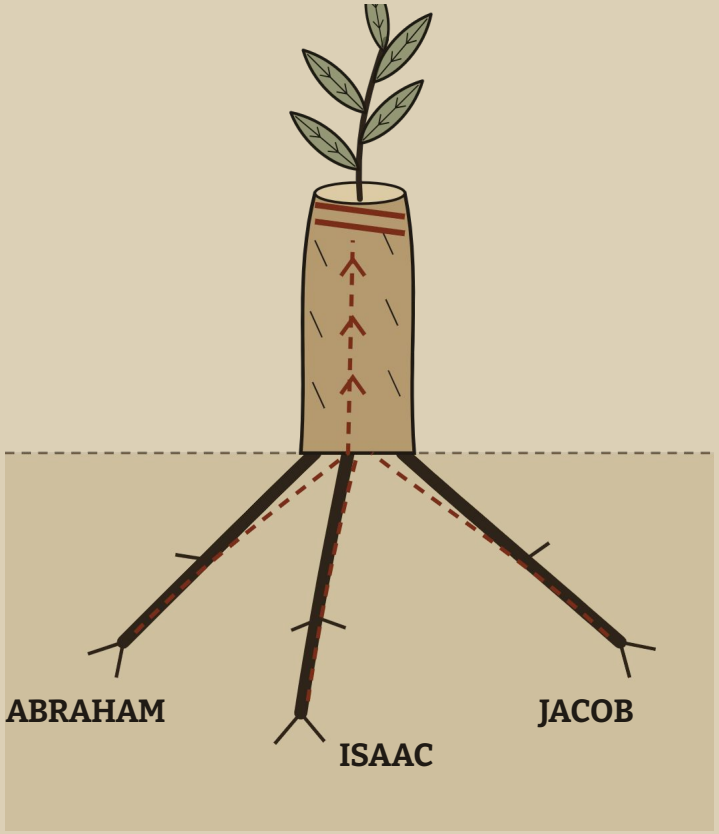
Some Branches Broken Off



"But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, although a wild olive shoot, were grafted in among the others and now share in the nourishing root of the olive tree,"

Romans 11:17 (ESV)

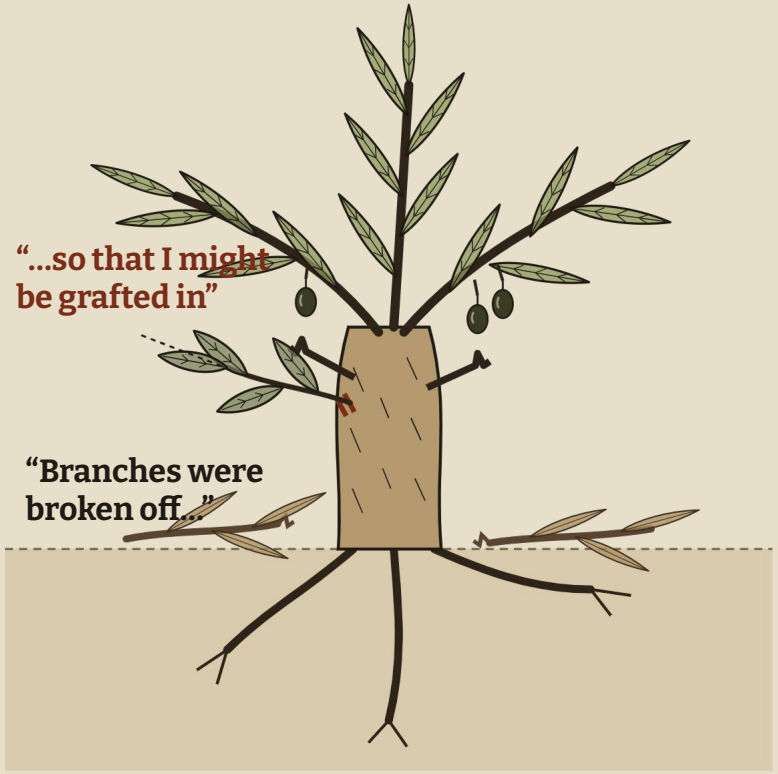
The Root Supports You



"do not be arrogant toward the branches. If you are, remember it is not you who support the root, but the root that supports you."

Romans 11:18 (ESV)

The Boast of the Grafted Branch



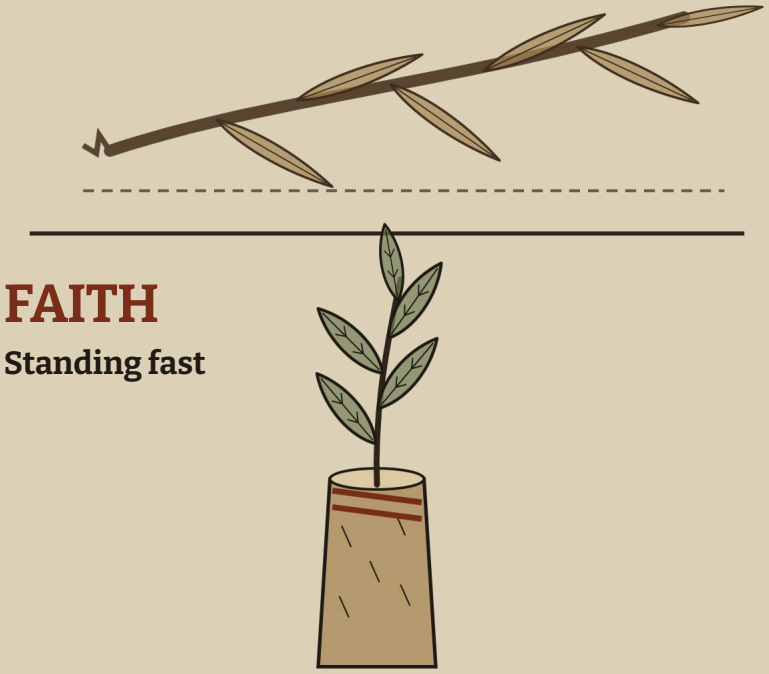
"Then you will say, 'Branches were broken off so that I might be grafted in.'"

Romans 11:19 (ESV)

Unbelief and Faith

UNBELIEF

Broken off



FAITH

Standing fast

"That is true. They were broken off because of their unbelief, but you stand fast through faith. So do not become proud, but fear."

Romans 11:20 (ESV)

The Natural Branches Were Not Spared



"For if God did not spare the natural branches, neither will he spare you."

Romans 11:21 (ESV)

The Kindness and Severity of God

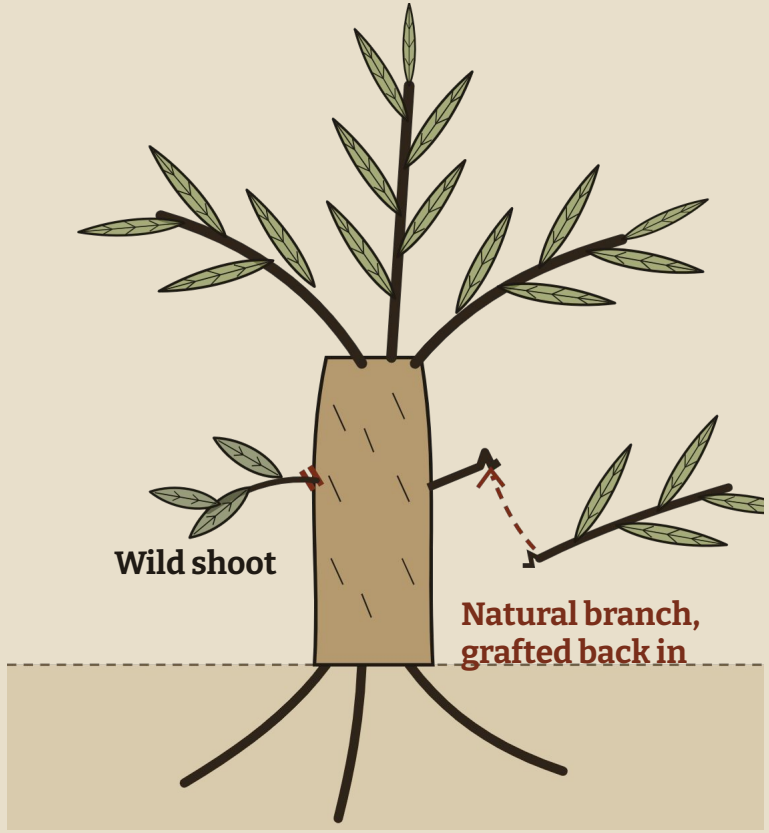
SEVERITY

KINDNESS

"Note then the kindness and the severity of God: severity toward those who have fallen, but God's kindness to you, provided you continue in his kindness. Otherwise you too will be cut off."

Romans 11:22 (ESV)

God Is Able to Graft Them In Again



"And even they, if they do not continue in their unbelief, will be grafted in, for God has the power to graft them in again."

Romans 11:23 (ESV)

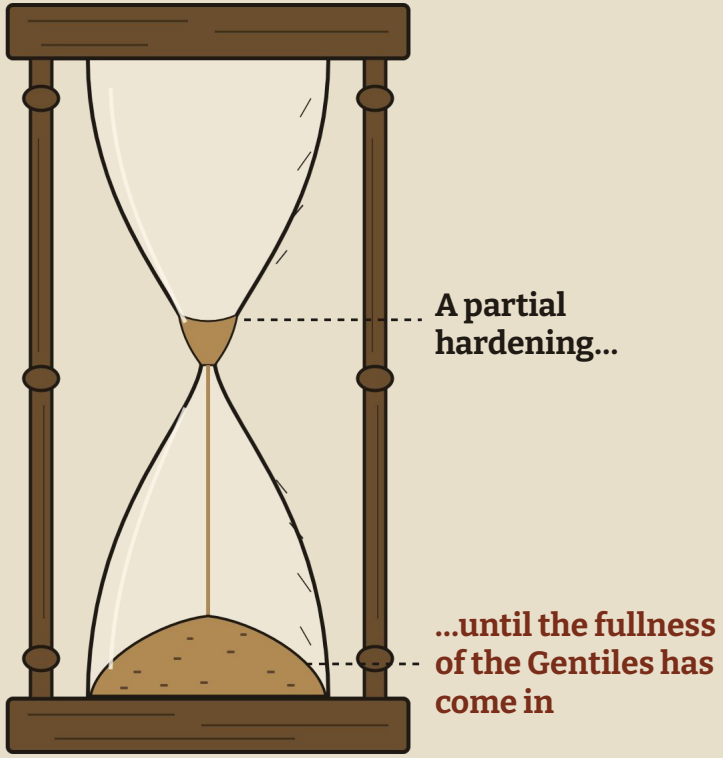
Contrary to Nature, and How Much More



"For if you were cut from what is by nature a wild olive tree, and grafted, contrary to nature, into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these, the natural branches, be grafted back into their own olive tree."

Romans 11:24 (ESV)

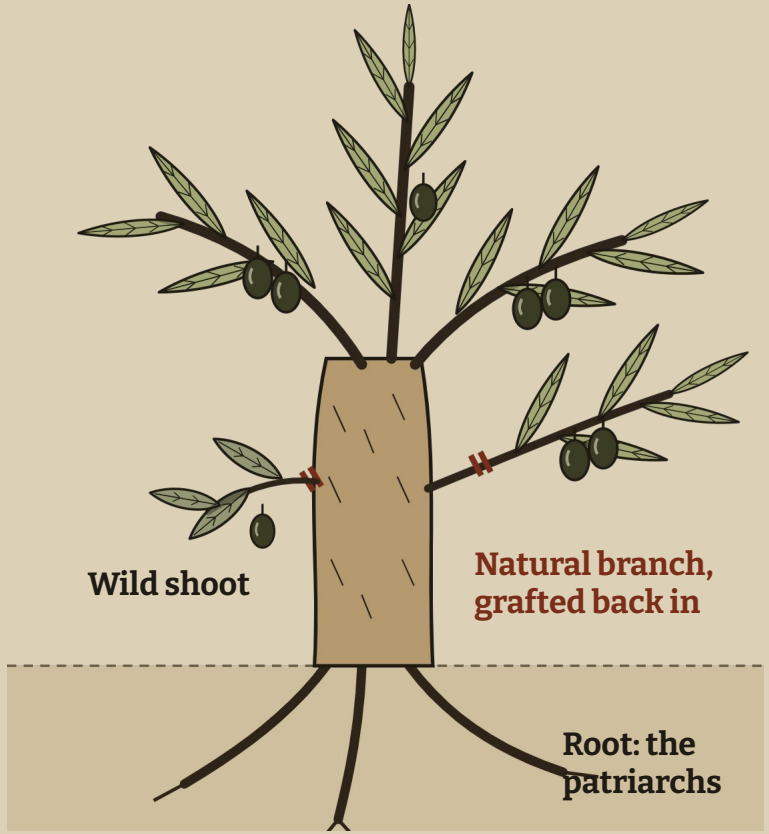
Hardened in Part, Until the Fullness



"Lest you be wise in your own sight, I do not want you to be unaware of this mystery, brothers: a partial hardening has come upon Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in."

Romans 11:25 (ESV)

All Israel Will Be Saved



26 And in this way **all** Israel will be saved, as it is written, “The Deliverer will come from Zion, he will banish ungodliness from Jacob”; **27** “and this will be my covenant with them when I take away their sins.”

Romans 11:26–27 (ESV)

Quoting the Old Testament:
v. 26 · Isaiah 59:20
v. 27 · Isaiah 59:21 and Isaiah 27:9

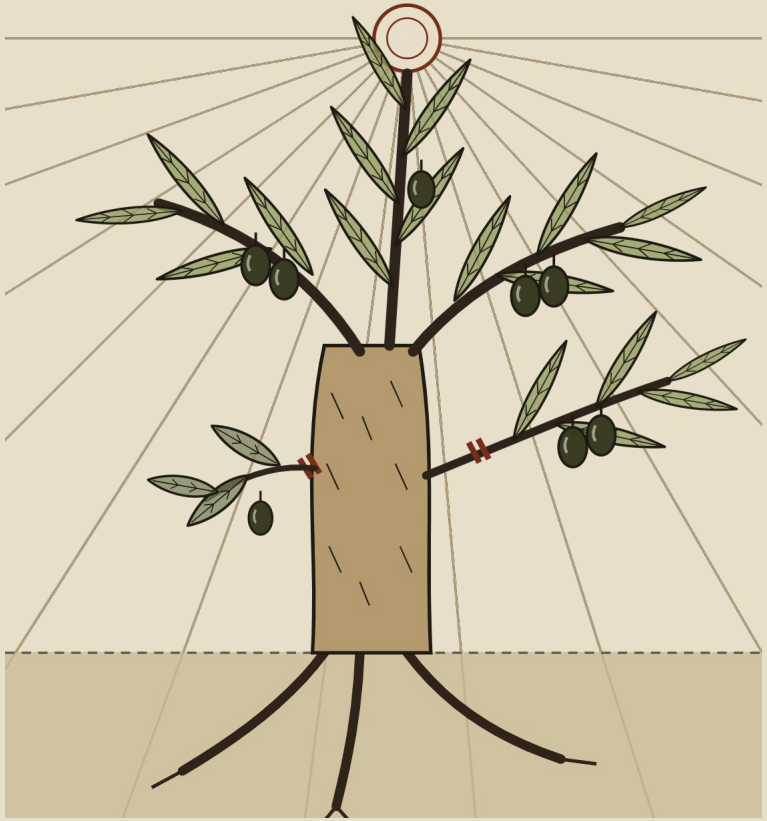
Mercy on All



28 As regards the gospel, they are enemies for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. **29** For the **gifts** and the **calling** of God are **irrevocable.**
30 For just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience,
31 so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy.
32 For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all.

Romans 11:28–32 (ESV)

God's Mystery Leads to Worship



33 Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge
of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how
inscrutable his ways! **34** “For who has known the mind of
the Lord, or who has been his counselor?” **35** “Or who has
given a gift to him that he might be repaid?” **36** For from
him and through him and to him are all things. To him be
glory forever. Amen.

Romans 11:33–36 (ESV)

Quoting the Old Testament:
v. 34 · Isaiah 40:13 v. 35 · Job 41:11