United Community Church

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Definition of Spiritual Roots

God uses the Holy Spirit to root out sin in your life and replace it with spiritual roots that produce spiritual fruit and leads to a Spirit filled life.

Three Ground Rules

- 1. Let Scripture interpret experience. Do not let experience interpret Scripture.
- 2. Let the Holy Spirit do the work. Do not try to change your life yourself.
- 3. Develop daily spiritual habits of studying the Bible, prayer, walking in faith, and serving God.

Ouestions to Ask Yourself

Who is GOD? Why do I need the BIBLE? What is biblical FAITH? What is the power of PRAYER? How does God expect us to SERVE?

What God Taught Job

- God uses trials to test our faith and bring Him glory, Job 1:20-22
- God deals with each of us differently, but His goal is to conform us to His image, Job 2:9-10
- God is the God of grace who loves us even when we are unlovely, Job 3:1

What Job Teaches Us About God

- Spiritually grounded faith in God gives us strength to face any circumstance or opposition, Job 23:10-11, 42:4-6
- We experience God's grace in a deeper way when we show grace to others, Job 42:8
- God blesses obedience, Job 42:10

What It All Means for Us

- Since we belong to God, we need to give God access to our lives and our resources
- Since we are totally dependent on God, we must seek Him and put Him first in our lives
- Since we know that God tests our faith to grow us spiritually, we ask Him what He wants to teach us and let Him use our lives to glorify Him

BOTTOM LINE: Will you put God first in 2021? Will you let God guide, teach, discipline, and grow you in your love for Him and commitment to Him?