

Disciples Are Rooted – Part 2

Focus Scripture: Matthew 28:18–20 (AMP)

Jesus came up and said to them, “All authority (all power of absolute rule) in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe everything that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

The Family Mission

- The mission: Go and make disciples.
- Before you can make disciples, you must be a disciple.
- Before you build one, be one.
- You cannot multiply what is not in you.
- You cannot lead someone where you have never been.
- You cannot give what you do not carry.
- You cannot offer living water if your well is dry.

What Does It Look Like to Be a Disciple?

Psalms 1:1–3 and Jeremiah 17:7–8 describe disciples as trees planted by streams of water—rooted, fruitful, unshaken by storms, and always producing fruit.

Three Marks of a Disciple

1) Disciples Are Rooted – Connected

- Roots must go deep into the Word.
- Growth comes from prayer, study, and obedience.
- Dangers: root rot (hidden sin), soil contamination (wrong environment), soil compaction (busyness without growth).

2) Disciples Are Planted, Not Potted

- Potted believers: shallow, easily moved, dependent, tip over in storms.
- Planted believers: endure, forgive, love, and remain rooted.

3) Rooted Disciples Bear Fruit

- Fruit reveals the health of the disciple.
- Types of Fruit:
 - Character Fruit (Galatians 5:22–23)
 - Action Fruit (Matthew 5:16)
 - Multiplication Fruit (Matthew 28:19–20)

Key Reminders

- Fruit comes from staying connected to Jesus (John 15:4–5).
- Rooted disciples will naturally bear fruit.
- Potted believers dry up when cut off from the Source.

Practical Application for This Week

1. Daily Word & Prayer – Read Psalm 1 and John 15 each morning.
2. Identify Your Soil – Remove one negative influence this week.
3. Check for Root Rot – Confess hidden struggles to God.
4. Bear One Piece of Fruit – Intentionally practice one fruit of the Spirit.
5. Multiply – Share what you learned with someone else.

Declarations

- I am rooted in the Word of God.
- I will not be moved by storms, offense, or fear.
- I will bear fruit in every season.
- I will multiply by making disciples.
- My roots go deep, my faith stands firm, and my life glorifies Jesus.

Closing Prayer

Father, thank You for planting us in Christ so we can be rooted, fruitful, and multiplying. Let our roots go deep in You this week. Help us bear fruit that glorifies You and live the family mission of making disciples. In Jesus' name, Amen.