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December 30 & 31, 2023
Pastor Doyle Jackson and Friends

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Jeremiah 17:8 (NIV) **8** They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream.

It does not fear when heat comes;
its leaves are always green.
It has no worries in a year of drought
and never fails to bear fruit."

 How has God born fruit in your life when it was hard to see?

II. **Directed:** with God's word I will see the path

Psalms 1:1-6 (NIV) *The Blessed Life...* **1** Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers,

2 but whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his law day and night.

3 That person is **like a tree transplanted** by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither— whatever they do prospers.

4 Not so the wicked!
They are like chaff
that the wind blows away.

5 Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

6 For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked leads to destruction.


 In what ways do you feel like God has transplanted your life?

III. **Established:** with God's help I will serve in His church

Matthew 16:18-19 (NIV) *Who do you say I am...* **18** And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. **19** I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

 How has God been building in your life?

1 Peter 2:4-5 (NIV) *God's Spiritual House...* **4** As you come to him, (*Jesus*) the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him— **5** you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

 How did you know it was the Lord working and not the enemy when the work of being built is not easy or painful?

Prayer from 1 Peter 2:9-10

9 But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. **10** Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. *Through Jesus my Savior, I am new.—Amen.*

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