

# THE TREE OF LIFE

## TREE OF LIFE Part 1 Summary

To begin today, write down three to five things/three to five aspects of your life. What activities, what important things make up your life? This may be a job, hobby, family, desire to travel, car, business, relationship, desire for relationship, etc.

Now let's look at the tree of life. This is the entrance to God's kind of life, to His courts, His kingdom.

*Then the Lord God planted a garden in Eden and there he placed the man he had made. . . In the middle of the garden he placed the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.*

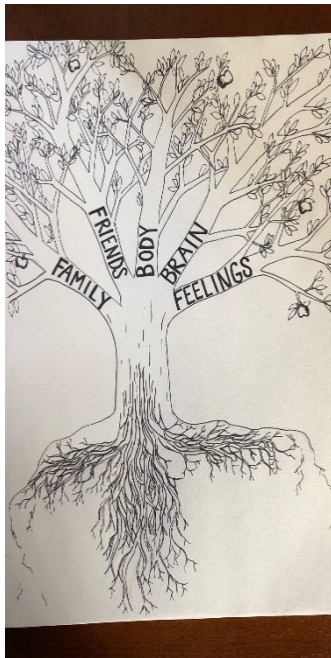
Genesis 2:8-9

There are Two aspects of life (kingdom) for today: visible and invisible life. We tend to see it as two kingdoms, two realms, two dimensions. But we must see it as one life, not two.

You and I have this invisible life with God that is to be infused into our visible life because when we enter his kingdom, his kingdom enters us. We receive the nature of the king.

*"having been firmly rooted and now being built up in Him and established in your faith."*

Col. 2:7



We want our visible life to flow out of our invisible, hidden life so that there is a unity, an integrity in all that we do. We will have integrated lives, wholeness in our lives. The Father wants His life to flow in us and to affect every part of our life. He is for us!

His Spirit in us is to surge abundant life through our roots and trunk and branches and leaves and blossoms and fruit. Be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth and subdue it, rule over every living thing.

Where does this rulership show up? In the list of things you wrote down. That is where He desires to show up. In your observable life.

When you and I cultivate the nature of the King in our hearts and then step into the world around us, we begin to recognize that His kingdom is already there, present, at hand, in your midst, seekable, seeable, and enterable now.

All of Life backs us up when we perceive the hidden workings and outer workings are one Life. His kingdom is in us, around us. A wholeness, a fullness comes to us.

**Questions to discuss:**

1. What 3-5 things did you write down that make up your life? If you didn't write any down, use the ones in the illustration: family, friends, body, feelings, brain (thinking).
2. Describe how God is working in one of those areas in your life.
3. Which area is hardest for you to see God's activity? Why is that?
4. How has God shown his friendship to you? His help?
5. What has helped you develop your hidden life the most? (Everyone share this).