



Discipleship Guide

Sermon: I Am A Child Of God

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Rooted and Flourishing in God's Family

Focus Scriptures: Romans 11:17, Micah 4:4

Purpose:

This guide helps individuals and groups grow in spiritual maturity by understanding their identity and role in God's family. Just as a branch grafted into a strong tree flourishes, God calls believers to be **rooted, nurtured, and productive** in His Kingdom.

Key Scriptures and Insights

Romans 11:17 – *“But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, a wild olive shoot, were grafted in among the others and now share in the nourishing sap from the olive root...”*

- God grafts us into His family by faith.
- Spiritual nourishment comes from connection to Christ and the community of faith.
- We are called to bear fruit, not merely exist.

Micah 4:4 – *“...everyone will sit under their own vine and under their own fig tree, and no one will make them afraid, for the Lord Almighty has spoken.”*

- God desires stability, peace, and flourishing for His people.

- Spiritual maturity leads to contentment, safety, and fruitful living.
 - Growth in God’s Kingdom involves both personal maturity and community harmony.
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Core Truth

- Growth without maturity can leave believers unstable and unfruitful.
 - Spiritual nourishment comes from being connected to Christ and His family.
 - God desires a people who are **rooted, secure, and bearing fruit** in their relationships, service, and obedience.
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Stages of Spiritual Maturity (Simplified for this guide)

1. **New Branch** – Just grafted in; learning dependence on Christ
2. **Growing Branch** – Developing obedience, worship, and spiritual disciplines
3. **Fruit-Bearing Branch** – Producing the fruit of love, service, and discipleship
4. **Mature Tree** – Fully rooted in God; mentoring, leading, and stabilizing others

Key Reflection Question for Growth:

- At what stage am I, and how can I deepen my root in Christ this week?
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Group Discussion Questions

1. How does Romans 11:17 help you understand your place in God’s family?
2. What does “sitting under your own vine and fig tree” (Micah 4:4) mean for your spiritual and personal life?
3. How can you cultivate roots that bear lasting fruit?

4. Who in your life can you nurture or disciple as part of your spiritual growth?
 5. What steps will help you move from being a “new branch” to a “mature tree”?
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Weekly Practices

- **Daily Scripture Meditation:** Romans 11:17 & Micah 4:4
 - **Prayer Focus:** “Lord, root me deeply in You and help me bear lasting fruit.”
 - **Action Step:** Identify one spiritual discipline (prayer, study, service) to strengthen your roots
 - **Reflection:** Journal where you feel spiritually weak or disconnected and ask God to nourish you
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5-Day Devotional: Rooted and Flourishing in God’s

Family

Day 1: Grafted Into God's Family

Reading: Romans 11:17

Devotional:

You are a branch grafted into God's family. Your connection to Christ and His Church brings nourishment, strength, and life. Without this connection, you cannot bear lasting fruit.

Reflection: Am I relying on my own strength, or am I rooted in Christ?

Prayer: Lord, thank You for grafting me into Your family. Help me stay connected to You.

Day 2: Nourishment Through the Root

Reading: Romans 11:17

Devotional:

Branches thrive when they receive sap from the root. Spiritually, we thrive when we draw from God through prayer, Word, and fellowship. Growth comes from nourishment, not self-effort.

Reflection: Where am I neglecting spiritual nourishment?

Prayer: Holy Spirit, feed me with Your wisdom and strength so I may grow and bear fruit.

Day 3: Flourishing in Peace and Security

Reading: Micah 4:4

Devotional:

God promises stability and peace for His children. Spiritual maturity leads to contentment and freedom from fear. Like sitting under a vine and fig tree, mature believers experience rest in God's provision.

Reflection: Where am I restless or insecure in my faith journey?

Prayer: Lord, help me rest under Your care and trust Your provision.

Day 4: Bearing Fruit for the Kingdom

Reading: Romans 11:17

Devotional:

Being connected to God's family is not just for comfort—it's for fruitfulness. Love,

service, generosity, and discipleship are evidence of spiritual maturity.

Reflection: What fruit is God calling me to bear this week?

Prayer: Father, let my life produce lasting fruit that honors You.

Day 5: Rooted and Flourishing Together

Reading: Micah 4:4

Devotional:

Maturity isn't only personal—it's communal. As we grow rooted in Christ, we also strengthen others, creating a faith family that flourishes in unity, love, and wisdom.

Reflection: How can I contribute to a flourishing faith family this week?

Prayer: God, root me deeply and use me to help others grow and flourish in You.

Closing Truth:

Spiritual maturity is about being **rooted in Christ and bearing fruit**. When we draw nourishment from God and grow together in community, we live in peace, stability, and abundant spiritual life.