

JANUARY — WEEK 2

ESTABLISHED: ROOTED LIFE DOES NOT WITHER

Text: Psalm 1:3–6 (KJV)

We live in a culture that celebrates what is fast, loud, and visible. But Scripture consistently honors what is **deep, steady, and grounded.**

Psalm 1 reminds us that what endures is not what grows quickly, but what is **planted well.**

What happens when the pressure comes? Because being rooted is not proven in calm seasons it is revealed in **difficult ones.**

Storms do not create roots. They only expose whether roots exist.

POINT I: ROOTED PEOPLE REMAIN STEADY UNDER PRESSURE

(*Psalm 1:3b*) "His leaf also shall not wither..."

Leaves are exposed. They feel heat first. They face the wind directly.

Yet Scripture says the leaf does not wither.

Why? Because what sustains the leaf is not the weather—it is the **root system.**

This is the difference between appearance and substance. Between emotional reactions and spiritual depth.

Strong roots don't remove hardship—they reduce collapse.

- When pressure comes, do I collapse or remain steady?
- Do I respond with faith—or frustration?

God is not calling us to pretend we are strong.

He is calling us to be deeply rooted.

POINT II: ROOTED PEOPLE ARE PRODUCTIVE WITHOUT STRIVING

(*Psalm 1:3c*) "And **whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.**"

This verse has often been misunderstood.

This is not a promise of:

- Constant success

- Material excess
- Effortless living

Biblical prosperity means: Alignment with God's purpose.

A rooted life is fruitful because it is **positioned correctly**, not because it is frantic.

Prosperity flows from placement, not pressure

- Am I striving for outcomes God never assigned?
- Or am I planted where He placed me?

When God establishes you, fruit becomes natural.

POINT III: ROOTLESS LIVES CANNOT WITHSTAND THE WIND

*(Psalm 1:4–5) "The ungodly are not so: but are like the **chaff...**"*

Chaff looks connected but has no weight. It stays close until wind comes.

Wind reveals:

- What is rooted
- What is merely attached

"They shall not stand..."

Standing requires depth. Surface faith collapses under examination.

This is not a call to fear it is a call to **depth**.

God is not asking for perfection. He is inviting **commitment**.

Roots can still grow—if planted today.

POINT IV: GOD SECURES THE DESTINATION OF THE ROOTED

(Psalm 1:6)

"For the LORD **knoweth** the way of the righteous..."

To be known by God means:

- You are seen

- You are guided
- You are guarded

Your path is not random. Your endurance is not unnoticed.

What God knows, He keeps.

The way of the rooted lasts. The way of the ungodly fades.

This week, commit to one act of rooting:

1. **Stay planted when it would be easier to drift**
2. **Remain faithful even when fruit is delayed**
3. **Trust God's process beneath the surface**

Because rooted people don't just start strong—
they **last**.