

Encounter Church
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Lessons From the Garden
Planted

[Genesis 2:8](#) (NLT)- “Then the Lord God planted a garden in Eden in the east, and there he placed the man he had made.”

For Adam and Eve to enjoy the fruit of the Garden the Garden had to FIRST be planted!

WHERE GOD FIRST STARTED TO SPEAK TO ME ABOUT BEING PLANTED:

[Isaiah 61:3](#) (TLB)- “To all who mourn in Israel he will give: beauty for ashes; joy instead of mourning; praise instead of heaviness. For God has planted them like strong and graceful oaks for his own glory.”

Beauty instead of ashes when we’re planted!
Joy instead of mourning when we’re planted!
Praise instead of heaviness when we’re planted!

When I become this planted, strong and graceful oak tree I produce beauty, joy and praise!

BUT IT STARTS WITH BEING PLANTED! LOOK WHAT JESUS TOLD HIS DISCIPLES!

[John 15:16-17](#) (NLT)- “You didn’t choose me. I chose you. I appointed you to go and produce lasting fruit, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask for, using my name. This is my command: Love each other.”

I have chosen you to produce fruit! For there to be fruit, you must FIRST be planted!

[John 15:8](#) (NLT)- “When you produce much fruit, you are my true disciples. This brings great glory to my Father.”

God can do nothing significant in and through our lives until we’re planted!

[John 15:1-4](#) (NLT)- ““I am the true grapevine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch of mine that doesn’t produce fruit, and he prunes the branches that do bear fruit so they will produce even more. You have already been pruned and purified by the message I have given you. Remain in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me.

SO IF I WANT TO PRODUCE FRUIT IN MY LIFE I NEED TO BE:

I. PLANTED IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Jesus said, "Remain in Me and I will remain in you"

I'm a person that's planted in God's presence, in a relationship with God!

[Exodus 33:15](#) (NIV)- "Then Moses said to him, "If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here."

PLANTED IN GOD'S PRESENCE!

Jesus said, "Apart from Me you can do nothing."

[John 15:7](#) (NLT)- "But if you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask for anything you want, and it will be granted!"

AN OUTCOME OF BEING PLANTED IN GOD'S PRESENCE

a. I'm Planted in God's Word

[Psalms 1:2-3](#) (NLT) - "But they delight in the law of the Lord, meditating on it day and night. They are like trees planted along the riverbank, bearing fruit each season. Their leaves never wither, and they prosper in all they do."

When the Bible is planted in me I become planted and bear fruit and prosper in all I do!

THE NEXT OUTCOME OF BEING PLANTED IN GOD'S PRESENCE

b. I'm Planted in Prayer

[John 15:7](#) (NLT)- "But if you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask for anything you want, and it will be granted!"

[Mark 11:24](#) (NLT)- "I tell you, you can pray for anything, and if you believe that you've received it, it will be yours."

[1 John 5:14-15](#) (NIV)- "This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him."

I'm planted in God's Presence and an outcome is I'm planted in God's Word and I'm planted in Prayer. This will produce fruit in my life!

The last thing if I want to produce lasting fruit in my life I need to be

II. PLANTED IN GOD'S PLACE WITH GOD'S PEOPLE

[Psalms 92:13-14](#) (NKJV)- "Those who are planted in the house of the Lord Shall flourish in the courts of our God. They shall still bear fruit in old age; They shall be fresh and flourishing,"

Jesus told His disciples. "This is my command, Love each other."

[Ephesians 4:15-16](#) (TPT)- "But instead we will remain strong and always sincere in our love as we express the truth. All our direction and ministries will flow from Christ and lead us deeper into him, the anointed Head of his body, the church. For his "body" has been formed in his image and is closely joined together and constantly connected as one. And every member has been given divine gifts to contribute to the growth of all; and as these gifts operate effectively throughout the whole body, we are built up and made perfect in love."

I'm planted in God's place with God's people!

Then as a Church Family we raise up a life-giving "oak tree" that is for God's glory and an expression of His love on this earth. We love our city, we love the nations of the world! We love our neighbor! We love one another!

CONCLUSION: Are you planted?

Planted in God's Presence? Planted in God's Word? Planted in Prayer? Planted in God's Place with God's People?

WHAT IS THE HOLY SPIRIT SAYING TO YOU TODAY

[John 15:8](#) (NLT)- "When you produce much fruit, you are my true disciples. This brings great glory to my Father."