

## **Rooted in Christ ... through every season**

**Icebreaker:** Which season of the year do you most enjoy and which do you find the hardest and why? What does each season symbolise to you?

**Read:** Ephesians 3:14-21 and Jeremiah 17:7-8

### **1. How God sustains us through challenges — Psalm 127:1**

- When you look back on a difficult season, where can you now see God's sustaining hand in ways you didn't notice at the time? What does it look like in practice to "build" or "labour" with God rather than in your own strength?

### **2. Rooted in Christ brings stability and resilience — Colossians 2:6-7**

- What helps you stay spiritually "rooted" when life feels unsettled or unpredictable? Who has modelled a deeply rooted faith for you, and what habits or attitudes made their life so steady?

### **3. Seasons will come, but God sustains — Jeremiah 17:8; Ecclesiastes 3:1**

- Which "season" would you say you are in right now — growth, waiting, pruning, rest — and how is God meeting you in it? How do you respond when God leads you into a season you didn't choose or expect?

### **4. Fruitfulness in God's timing — Psalm 1:3**

- What does "fruitfulness" look like in your life at the moment, and how do you recognise when it's God's timing rather than your own? Are there areas where you feel you're still "planted by the stream" but not yet seeing fruit? How do you stay patient and hopeful?

### **5. The Blessings of Spiritual leadership**

- Who has been a spiritual leader or encourager in your life, and what "fruit" has grown because of their influence? How can we, as a group, become life-giving leaders to others — even if we don't hold formal roles?

### **6. Seasons change, but God remains constant**

- How has God's unchanging character been an anchor for you in a season of transition or upheaval? What spiritual practices help you remember God's constancy when everything else feels in flux?

**Reflection:** There are times of growth and colour, times of pruning, times of waiting, and times of quiet rest. Some seasons feel full of fruit; others feel bare and exposed. Yet the roots remain — hidden, steady, drawing life from a source that never runs dry. As you reflect on your own season, consider this:

Where do you sense God strengthening your roots right now? What might He be inviting you to release, to receive, or to trust Him with? How is His unchanging character holding you, even if the circumstance around you is shifting? Jeremiah 17:7&8



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## ROOTED IN CHRIST THROUGH EVERY SEASON

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Enduring faith and growth across  
life's changes

## THE TREE, THE ROOTS, THE SEASONS

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1. **Spiritual Stability:** Being rooted in Christ provides stability and nourishment through all seasons of life, even difficult times.
2. **Season of Waiting:** The church is in a season of waiting for a minister, yet God remains faithful and constant throughout transitions.
3. **Thriving in Challenges:** Trusting deeply in Christ empowers us to thrive regardless of external circumstances and challenges.





## ROOTED IN CHRIST BRINGS STABILITY

### Deep Roots for Nourishment

Trees planted by water thrive due to deep roots drawing strength and nourishment from the source.

### Anchoring in Christ

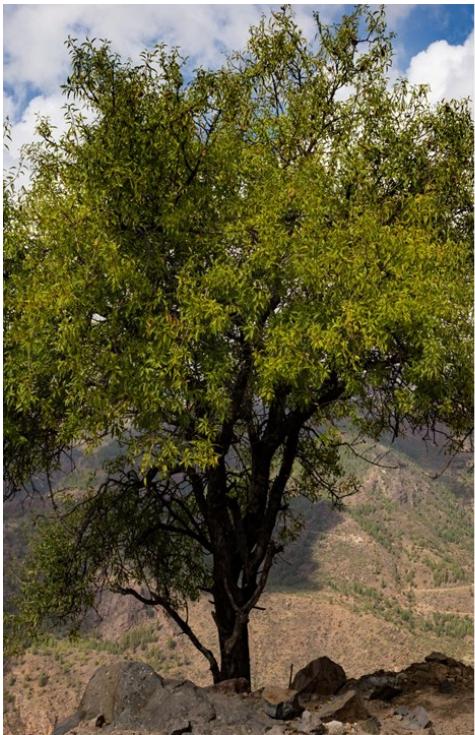
Believers must anchor themselves in Christ to withstand life's storms and challenges.

### Faith Over Circumstances

Our foundation should be built on Christ alone, not on changing human leadership or situations.

### Practical Spiritual Disciplines

Personal devotion, prayer, and Scripture reliance build resilience during uncertainty.



## SEASONS WILL COME—BUT GOD SUSTAINS

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### Changing Life Seasons

Life includes seasons of joy, hardship, waiting, and growth that shape personal and spiritual experiences.

### Divine Sustenance

Trusting in God allows us to remain fruitful and resilient even in difficult or dry periods.

### Purpose of Every Season

Every season has a divinely appointed purpose, encouraging acceptance and trust in God's timing.

### Faith through Transitions

As Christians we are encouraged to remain steadfast in faith during transitional periods like waiting for leadership.



## FRUITFULNESS IN GOD'S TIMING

### **Spiritual Growth and Patience**

Growth and productivity happen in God's timing, calling for patience and preparation during waiting periods.

### **Opportunity in Absence**

A minister's absence offers a chance for spiritual deepening, prayer, and unity rather than stagnation.

### **Preparation for Blessings**

Like farmers preparing soil before harvest, readiness is essential for receiving future blessings.

### **Active Church Involvement**

Encourage active participation in church, building relationships, and strengthening faith during times of waiting.



## THE BLESSING OF SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP

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### **Spiritual Gardeners**

Ministers nurture and guide church families like gardeners tending plants to promote growth and fruitfulness.

### **Divine Leadership Source**

Christ remains the ultimate source of spiritual growth, with pastoral leadership as a gifted support.

### **Church family Support**

The Church Family is called to pray, maintain unity, and support interim and incoming leaders with open hearts.



## PRAYER TREE

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For those online at home, if you wish to submit a prayer request, please copy this link and submit online:

[www.fbc.org.uk/leaf](http://www.fbc.org.uk/leaf)

# ROOTED IN CHRIST

## *Through Every Season*

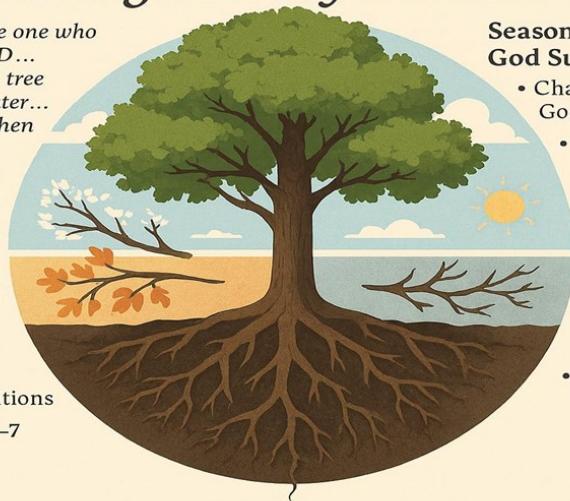
*"But blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD... They will be like a tree planted by the water... It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green..."*

**Jeremiah 17:7-8**

### **Rooted in Christ Brings Stability**

- Deep spiritual roots keep us steady in transitions

**Colossians 2:6-7**



### **Seasons Will Come—But God Sustains**

- Challenges to faith, but God's sustaine power
- Psalm 1:3

### **Fruitfulness in God's Timing**

- Waiting is for preparation

### **The Blessing of Spiritual Leadership**

- Ministers care to nurturing gardeners