

## DAILY DEVOS WITH PHIL

### DAY 10 : TALKING ABOUT TREES

Hey everybody, it's Phil here with another Devo of the Day!

Well, this week we have been considering trees, and how we can observe trees in order to look at our lives and how they grow.

I find it fascinating that God placed Adam and Eve in a garden - a garden of all places! I believe part of that was to help them to observe and see how growth takes place in our lives.

Jesus, also, in Matthew 13, uses the example of the Kingdom of Heaven, the Kingdom of God, being like a mustard seed – this tiny seed that grows into this beautiful tree.

And I believe that's a picture of how our lives can be. Your life may feel like a little seed right now, but over time, with consistency, making healthy choices, with the Spirit of God, the Presence of God over your life, you can begin to grow and produce a beautiful tree of a life, that is healthy, blessed, and fruitful.

So, here's 3 things we've been talking about this week.

#### **1. When I live right consistently, time is my advantage.**

How are you living? This is an opportunity for us all to take stock of what we're doing with our lives. Are we living healthy, or unhealthy - because when I live right consistently, over time - time is my advantage. You're gonna just keep building on that, you're gonna keep building on that, and over time, that builds strength into your spiritual life.

You make a commitment to read your one-year Bible, over the course of a year - guess what? You've read through that; you've built spiritual strength.

You make a commitment in your finances to put a little bit of money away – guess what? Over time, you've built strength in your finances.

In your physical life, make a commitment, just do a few things, and as you build that, you build strength.

In your relationships, make a commitment - these are areas where I'm gonna commit in my marriage, to make sure it's healthy, and over time, that consistency is gonna produce something.

Patience, and consistency.

**2. When health is my goal, fruit will be my result.**

Don't worry about the results – they will take care of themselves, if you just live healthy.

A tree isn't freaking out about producing fruit, it's just growing healthy. And when it's healthy, in the right time, and the right season, it's gonna produce fruit – and so will your life.

**3. When my roots are deep in God, I can grow through any environment.**

You may be in a tough season, a tough environment right now, but when you allow your roots to keep growing deep, you can grow through any environment.

I saw an image – we may put it up here – of a tree growing out of the side of a cliff. Who would've thought that it could do that? But it can, because it's roots have locked in. And you may be in an environment that feels like that right now, like you're in a rocky place, like on the edge of a cliff, and it feels tough. Can I encourage you – let the roots go deep into God, and you will keep growing, just like that tree, and in any environment, you will grow and produce something healthy.

Hey, this is Phil, thanks for being with us on Devo of the Day.