

ROOTS

Sunday, June 3, 2018 Pastor Ray Cummings

Colossians 2:7 (NLT)

Let your roots grow down into Him, and let your lives be built on Him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness.

Part 3 Title – Lessons from a Lone Tree

Part 3 Text – Multiple Texts

1. Loneliness Impacts Everyone!

Gen. 2:8-9, 15-18 (NLT)

⁸ Then the LORD God planted a garden in Eden in the east, and there he placed the man he had made. ⁹ The LORD God made all sorts of trees grow up from the ground—trees that were beautiful and that produced delicious fruit. In the middle of the garden he placed the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. . . ¹⁵ The LORD God placed the man in the Garden of Eden to tend and watch over it. ¹⁶ But the LORD God warned him, “You may freely eat the fruit of every tree in the garden— ¹⁷ except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. If you eat its fruit, you are sure to die.” ¹⁸ Then the LORD God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper who is just right for him.”

2. Jesus Identifies with our Loneliness!

Matthew 27:45-46 (NLT)

⁴⁵ At noon, darkness fell across the whole land until three o’clock.

⁴⁶ At about three o’clock, Jesus called out with a loud voice, “*Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?*” which means “My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?”

3. We are Indeed Never Alone!

Hebrews 12:1-3 (NLT)

¹ Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us.

² We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith. Because of the joy awaiting him, he endured the cross, disregarding its shame. Now he is seated in the place of honor beside God’s throne. ³ Think of all the hostility he endured from sinful people; then you won’t become weary and give up.