



# Pastor's Comments

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### Deep Roots

With the drought Texas experienced this year, the Agriculture Extension Office gave instructions on how to help trees survive. They specified the need to **water the trees long, allowing the water to go deep**. Giving the trees only a surface watering will cause the roots to move toward the surface seeking after that little bit of water which will eventually cause the plants to die. **A long, deep watering is needed to cause the roots to go deep.**

In Scripture, there are various analogies made between trees and those who are right with God. It seems that **this piece of advice about watering trees deeply can apply to those who know God, too**. Each of us experiences trials, difficulties, or dry times in our lives. What we need in those times of drought is not just a "little" word of inspiration or a "little" devotional. **We need to drink long and deeply from the river of living water. We need to spend time reading and thinking about God's Word and letting it sink down deep into our lives. We need to spend time talking to God in prayer and letting Him meet our needs.** Jeremiah 17:7-8 says it this way: *"Blessed is the man that trusteth in the LORD, and whose hope the LORD is. For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and that spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit."*

Not only do we need to **drink deeply from God's Word during times of drought**, but we need to also **drink deeply before the dry times come so our roots are deep and ready for hard times**. Psalm 1:3 says that the one who delights in God's Word will be, *"like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper."*

—Submitted by Pastor's daughter, Melody Lundmark