



Notes | May 5, 2024

Play Different: Rooted in God vs Not Rooted in God?

Whatever you are rooted in, is what gives your life direction, affirmation, and motivation, ultimately it is what determines the strength of your life. Everyone of us has various places, where we decide to be rooted and typically never venture outside those places. Consequently, we can unknowingly be moving away from God, and towards a prideful life which will only lead to chaos. Thankfully, God is faithful to those who seek Him, and so when we choose to surrender our hearts to Him we become rooted in Him.

Key Scripture | Daniel 4:34

“At the end of that time, I, Nebuchadnezzar, raised my eyes toward heaven, and my sanity was restored. Then I praised the Most High; I honored and glorified him who lives forever. His dominion is an eternal dominion; his kingdom endures from generation to generation.”

Related Scriptures

Daniel 3:19-23, 4:4-8, 29-37, Psalm 34:8

Icebreakers:

Q: Are you a coffee drinker? If so, what is your favorite place to get coffee?



Key Thoughts and Reflections:

I. Your level of panic when things go bad is proportionate to the depth of your roots in God.

Q: When was the last time you were in a “chaotic” season of life? How did you navigate it?

Q: In your last “chaotic” season did you try to control it yourself or give it to God? What did that look like for you practically?

II. How you measure success reveals your roots.

Q: Rooted – You are rooted in what gives your life direction, affirmation, and motivation. Based on this, what would you say you are rooted in?

Q: In the list of areas you’re rooted in, do you feel like you’re currently succeeding?

III. A life without roots in God drifts toward chaos.

Q: Would you say you are a prideful person? Why or why not?

Q: Success in this life can lead to pride. Pride will lead to chaos. What areas of your life cause you to wrestle with pride?

IIII. Surrender is the way back to being rooted.

Q: What area(s) in your life do you find are perpetually difficult to surrender to God?

Q: What is a new way, with accountability, that you could surrender those area(s) to God?

Get Practical

Some of us are looking at the world around us and feel like we are struggling with how to live.

What if the invitation of God today was to take a pause in trying to figure out all the complexity of culture, and simply to root in Him?

Pray this week asking God “How can I be more deeply rooted in you and not the world?”