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DISCIPLESHIP INVITES US TO LEARN TO TRUST & OBEY ALL THAT GOD HAS COMMANDED (MATTHEW 28:18-20)**ROOTED SERIES: LEARNING AND LIVING IN TRUST AND OBEDIENCE WITH RESOURCE – IN ALL SEASONS**

1. Where are you planted?
2. What do you do with what is produced?
3. What is the result?

WHERE ARE YOU PLANTED?

Concepts from the Story:

- Source of Provision (Acknowledgement) – God, Myself, Man?
- Amount of Provision – Abundance, Famine, Enough?
- Trust for Provision – God, Myself, Man?

Themes in the Story:

- Adam & Eve – God's Provision – Trust, Distrust & Enough
- Cain – Self Provision – Distrust & Not Enough
- Abraham through Joseph – God's provision is Enough
- Famine & Egypt – Not Enough: Abundance & Slavery
- Exodus from Egypt into the Desert – Freedom & Enough
- Desert to The Promised Land – Enough to Abundance & Freedom – Don't Forget!

Imagery from the Story:

- Desert - Lack
- Water - Life
- Plants - People
- Seasons – Journey

SEASONS OF LIFE CHANGE. WHERE ARE YOU PLANTED?

Jeremiah 2:12-13 (NIV) - 12Be appalled at this, you heavens, and shudder with great horror," declares the LORD. 13"My people have committed two sins: They have forsaken me, the spring of living water, and have dug their own cisterns, broken cisterns that cannot hold water.

- Forsaken the source and the abused the amount
- Trusted in themselves over God

Jeremiah 17:5-8 (NIV) - 5This is what the LORD says: "Cursed is the one who trusts in man, who draws strength from mere flesh and whose heart turns away from the LORD. 6That person will be like a bush in the wastelands; they will not see prosperity when it comes. They will dwell in the parched places of the desert, in a salt land where no one lives. 7 "But blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD, whose confidence is in him. 8They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit."

- Trusting in ourselves, others and the world is like a bush in the wasteland
- When God provides they will not see it
- They will isolate from God and his people for the fleeting hope of self-provision. Acquired but enslaved.
- Blessed is the one who trusts in God in all seasons

Psalm 1:1-3 (NIV) - 1Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers, 2but whose delight is in the law of the LORD, and who meditates on his law day and night. 3That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither— whatever they do prospers.

- Trusting in God for provision also means trusting in God's plan for it.

WARNINGS

1 Timothy 6:6-10 (NIV) - 6But godliness with contentment is great gain. 7For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. 8But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. 9Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. 10For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

Matthew 6:19-24 (NIV) "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. 20But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. 22"The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are healthy, your whole body will be full of light. 23But if your eyes are unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness! 24 "No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.

WHERE ARE YOU PLANTED?

For Small Group Discussion

Opening Question: How did you make money as a kid growing up? Who or what helped you to be responsible with money? **Main Point:** As believers, we are called to view and use our finances in a way that reflects Biblical obedience.

Main Scripture: Jeremiah 17:7-8

Head Questions

- What is the significance that the tree was planted by the water? What role does trust play in fighting against fear and anxiety?
- If roots provide sustenance for life, where are your roots planted and what are they connected to?

Heart Questions

- Describe a time when someone was financially generous to you. How did that impact you/your family?
- What makes you feel the most secure about the future?

Hands Questions

- What is a concept about money that you are being challenged to let go of or embrace?
- How might God want to use your faithfulness with finances to bless others? How are you practicing obedience with your time, energy, and resources?

Additional Scripture: Jeremiah 2:13, Psalms 1, Matthew 7:24-29, Proverbs 3:5-6