

Developing Deep Roots

A farmer was asked about his soybean and corn crops. Rain had been abundant, and the results were evident.

So his comment was surprising: "My crops are especially vulnerable. Even a short drought could have a devastating effect."

"Why?" he was asked.



The farmer explained that while frequent rains are a benefit, during that time the plants are not required to push roots deeper in search of water. The roots remain near the surface. A drought would find the plants unprepared and quickly kill them.

Some Christians receive abundant "rains" of worship, fellowship, and teaching. Yet when stress enters their lives – some challenge, adversity, broken relationship, loss of a loved one – many suddenly abandon God or think Him unfaithful.

Their roots have never pushed much below the surface. Only roots grown deep into God help us endure times of drought in our lives.

As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving (Colossians 2:6-7).

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