

I LOVE YOU!!!

**Planted - Part 1**  
**"Planted in the House..."**  
**June 22-23rd, 2019**

**Intro:**

- This weekend, we are beginning a brand new series called, "Planted."
  - Pastor Sarah and I feel so strong that these next 5 weeks are going to be critical to our personal growth and our growth as a church for the vision that God has given us here to make a Kingdom Impact in SWFL.

Turn/Click to Psalm 92 – in this chapter we see the Psalmist writing a song about the Sabbath Day

- A day of rest, a day without work, a day of reflecting on God's goodness, with God's people, in the House of God.
- There was singing and instruments and acknowledgement of the enemy and how much the battle was raging around ... but in the House of God, there is anointing, deliverance and refreshment!
- At the end of the chapter, the Psalmist's reflection leads to this declaration...

Psalm 92:12-13 "The righteous will flourish like a palm tree, they will grow like a cedar of Lebanon; planted in the house of the Lord, they will flourish in the courts of our God.

v. 14-15 "They will still bear fruit in old age, they will stay fresh and green, proclaiming, "The Lord is upright; he is my Rock, and there is no wickedness in him."

This weekend, I want to share with us about being "Planted in the House"

**PRAY**

**PLANTED** - It's not a "popular" word in our culture today.

- Many of us love God, love going to a church service
- Some of us love the call, the dream, even love our giftings...

*& in the Church world*

- But we don't understand the process of Spiritual Growth & the process that God intends for us in being PLANTED.

- PERPETUAL DATER ILL - If we aren't planted, we can be like the perpetual "dater" - Constantly Dating for the FUN (but the minute there's a commitment, the minute it gets a little hard or complicated, they are out)

~~- With God's house, we can become like that. "I go here for this, there for that," Like the house of God is a menu: Hmmm...what do I want?~~

*- Or we move to the Periphery!!!*

- Jesus didn't leave us the church because it was a perfect system, He left us the church so we would grow TOGETHER to become more like Jesus. A bunch of imperfect people, together learning how to follow a perfect God!

*- There is no Perfect Church, but we do have a Perfect God!!!*

- It's like we are chasing something that is actually right in front of us.

- We think we're looking for the perfect church, when our perfect God is RIGHT HERE – living in each of us & He just wants us to grow together!

- I believe that revival is right around the corner if we would have a church full of people who just decide to get planted...

Reread vv. 12-13...

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### A Couple of Things to Notice:

**\* God calls us all to a "House" to be Planted.**

A. We believe that we don't "Choose" a Church, God places us in one & calls us to put down roots there.

- Finding a Church is not like Picking a Grocery Store!!!

- *"I like this, but not that..."*

- *"Their layout is easier for me to navigate..."*

**- *"They have better selection of produce..."***

**- No, finding a House to be planted in is deeply spiritual b/c God wants us to be planted in order to have roots and grow.**

**B. We were not created to "Consume Church" we were created to BE the church!**

**- The only way we Thrive is to be Rooted & Planted in a Local Body of Believers where we are Known, Loved & Challenged!**

**C. This is why God doesn't want His children to...**

**1) Bounce around from church to church or**

**2) Just watch church online!**

**3) Watch a Number of Preachers Online!**

**- God wants us Planted in the House that He has for us!!!**

**D. Some people: "I Love God, I just don't like Church!"**

**- That's like saying, "I like you, I just don't like your wife!"**

**- That doesn't work!!! The church is the bride of Christ....one flesh.**

**E. When we stay away from the house of God or stay on the periphery of church, we are Allowing our Fear to control us & the devil is keeping us from God's Will for our Life!**

**- If you've been hurt before... I'm SO Sorry!!! God is sorry. People aren't perfect. Leaders aren't perfect. I'm not perfect.**

**- Please choose to forgive and trust God with your heart again. HE is trustworthy and you can choose to put yourself out there and love again!**

**F. EATING BAD SALMON ONCE - I had some bad salmon once, but I still eat seafood!**

**G. Let me just say - we are FOR every Bible-believing, Christ-centered Church – we want them all to be strong!**

**- Every church will reach people in our community that God is calling them to uniquely reach!**

**- So thankful for SUMMIT, RIVERSIDE, CAPE CHRISTIAN, MISSION, 1ST ASSEMBLY, MCGREGOR...so many others!**

G. We believe God has a House for each of us to be planted in where we can grow, use our gifts & grow the Kingdom!

- Now, does God sometimes move us from one thriving church to another for some reason?

- Yes..... Sometimes.

- But it is always because it's God and through prayer and the personal leading of the Holy Spirit.

- Not because our friends are going or because we are hurt, mad, or offended...

- that's when you know it's the enemy who is allowing division vs. God who is moving.

- If it's God, there will be the fruit of the spirit – it will be filled with love and peace and grace and joy!

- So we have to be careful to know the difference between God moving and leading and the enemy dividing because Scripture is clear that God hates gossip and division within the church.

\* We will "Flourish" when we are Planted in the House of God.

— God Wants us to BLOSSOM PROFUSELY!

A. Hebrew Definition: Bud, Sprout or Shoot, Blossom Profusely!!!

B. There is a difference between surviving in a Greenhouse & being planted in the Ground.

- GREENHOUSE VS. PLANTED ILL.

A. We survive in a Greenhouse, but We flourish <sup>when we are</sup> planted in the ground.

A Greenhouse is safe & climate controlled & predictable & easy, BUT ITS NOT REAL!!!!!!! They aren't Planted, they are Potted!!!

- & it's not where a tree was created to be... LONG-TERM!!!

HOLD UP  
PLANT

B. We were created to be planted in the ground & rooted deep into the soil.

CUE:

We have Access to  
So Much when we are  
PLANTED in the  
SOIL!!!

C. MIP: Church, this is where God is calling us to go!

- This is what He wants for each of His children!!!
- Deep Roots in the Soil of a Forest of a Local Church!

*MIPs? Is it Possible, we are Settling for being POTTED, instead of PLANTED???*

- *"Being planted isn't easy, but the best part about God's Kingdom and living His ways are the benefits that come our way..."*

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### 3 Benefits of Being Planted in the House:

#### **1. We will bear Fruit long-term.**

A. We will actually "bear" fruit...not just eat fruit but live it – what fruit? The Fruit of the Spirit – love, joy, peace, patience, goodness, kindness, faithfulness, self-control.

- Even in our old age, we will have the ability to continue to have fruit that looks and tastes good to others.

B. We will bear fruit by living out our Kingdom Destiny that God wants our lives to make.

- A footprint that God wants us to leave on the world that will last for all of eternity.

C. We are empowered to have that Kingdom Destiny through the church. Our whole goal is to empower you to lead others closer to Jesus.

- It is through the Local Church that there is Eternal Impact on Souls!

- Humanitarian Aid, Education Programs, etc. are good, but they don't change someone's eternity!!!

- Together, as the church, that's what we are called to do.

D. MIP: Church, every one of us have an Eternal Difference that God has called us to make on our world!

- We can make a Kingdom Impact when we are Planted.

**2 Corinthians 5:20 "We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us."**

**E. ILL.- When we are growing in groups together, when we are allowing our leaders to challenge us to grow,**

- when we unload a trailer at Bonita,
- when we serve in a Kid's class,
- mentor on Wednesday night,
- move tables in & out,
- serve in the auditorium,
- pray with the intercessory team,
- tithe, & give as a Kingdom Builder!
- lead a group,
- pray at the altar,

**F. We are being transformed and also changing the destiny of God's sons and daughters – more eternities secured in heaven every single week!**

## F. TATIANA IN THE ALTAR ILL.

## 2. We will stay Fresh & Green.

**A. ? Have you ever met someone who got stale?**

- The older they got, the more crusty & negative & stuck in their ways they got???**

**B. FLIP IT: ? Have you ever met someone who stayed fresh their whole life? Constantly growing and has a fresh testimony of God's love?**

- When we are planted it says that we won't get dried out & crusty & brittle!!!**

**C. I don't know about you... but I want to be one of those who are Fresh & Green & Going & Using my Gifts for God until I'm really old!!!**

### 3. We will have a Faith that withstands the tests of Life.

- They will proclaim "The Lord is my Rock" forever!!!

A. Plants in a Greenhouse aren't rooted enough to withstand a Hurricane!

- But trees that are rooted deep into the ground are... & can!!!

B. Church, Hurricanes will come!!! *...in this life you will have trouble...*

- Heartbreak, betrayal, roadblocks, speed bumps, demotions, sickness, illnesses, down economies, job loss, death of a loved one, etc.

- **MWK ILL: For me, 2018** was one of the hardest years of my life. I experienced a lot of heartache, rejection and betrayal. But staying planted in this house – planted with God, my Father – planted with all of you, my brothers & sisters in Christ ...

- My roots in Him & in this House are stronger because of it!  
This life is hard & only a strong, secure, rooted & planted faith can help us survive it!

- Let's be the People of God who are Planted in Deep Soil, not just living in the Greenhouse for the ease of it. Let's not be the "perpetual dater," let's decide to make a commitment. Let's be in the house every single weekend!

Let's let go of the fear and trust God. Let's let go of control and see that He is working a greater Kingdom Plan through us and our family.

Let's get planted and see that personal revival and revival in our house is available when we are rooted and grounded in Him!

**PRAY**