

Anniversary Sunday: The Planted Flourish

Entropy: A gradual decline into disorder.

*"For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. **I keep asking** that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people."*
Ephesians 1:15-18 NIV

*"Those who are **planted** in the house of the LORD shall **flourish** in the courts of our God."*
Psalms 92:13 NKJV

*"Death Valley wasn't dead it was dormant. The seed was always there it just needed water."
– Park Ranger*

"The seeds for a better life are all around us."

*"The hand of the Lord was on me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the Lord and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry. He asked me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" I said, "Sovereign Lord, you alone know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord! This is what the Sovereign Lord says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life. I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. **Then you will know that I am the Lord.**'"*
Ezekiel 37:1-6 NIV

1. Listen to the Word of the Lord.

*"In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son."
Hebrews 1:1-2 NIV*

2. Take a deep breath.

*"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and **I will give you rest**. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will **find rest for your souls**. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."*

Matthew 11:28-30 NIV

3. Start again.

*"I know your deeds, your hard work and your perseverance... Yet I hold this against you: You have **forsaken** the **love** you had at **first**."*

Revelation 2:2, 4 NIV