Riverside Community Church

A Verse That Changed My Life
Jeremiah 17:7-8
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Jeremiah 17:7-8 (NLT) - “But blessed are those who trust in the LORD and have made the LORD their hope and confidence. 8 They are like trees planted along a riverbank, with roots that reach deep into the water. Such trees are not bothered by the heat or worried by long months of drought. Their leaves stay green, and they never stop producing fruit.”

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NLT) - All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. 17 God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.

Psalm 119:105 (NLT) - Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path.

Isaiah 55:10-11 (NLT) - “The rain and snow come down from the heavens and stay on the ground to water the earth. They cause the grain to grow, producing seed for the farmer and bread for the hungry. 11 It is the same with my word. I send it out, and it always produces fruit. It will accomplish all I want it to, and it will prosper everywhere I send it.”

John 1:1-5 (NLT) - In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He existed in the beginning with God. 3 God created everything through him, and nothing was created except through him. 4 The Word gave life to everything that was created, and his life brought light to everyone. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it.

Because of the power and scope of the prophetic Word of God, this verse has unique application to multiple and numerous recipients.

Application #1 - to ME personally

Application #2 - to YOU individually

Application #3 - to US corporately

Romans 11:17b (NLT) - And you Gentiles, who were branches from a wild olive tree, have been grafted in. So now you also receive the blessing God has promised Abraham and his children, sharing in the rich nourishment from the root of God’s special olive tree.

Application #4 - to THEM collectively

Isaiah 2:2 (NLT) - In the last days, the mountain of the LORD’s house will be the highest of all—the most important place on earth. It will be raised above the other hills, and people from all over the world will stream there to worship.

Study Guide

1. When it comes to gardening would you consider yourself to have a ‘green thumb’? Can you give some examples to back up your claim?
2. As an exercise, compare the health of Jeremiah 17:7-8 with the unhealth of Jeremiah 17:6. What contrasts do you see?
3. Let’s focus more intently on verses 7 and 8. Are you able to see yourself in this verse? Are some aspects more fully developed in you than other aspects? What are your observations?
4. How do you feel that you could partner more fully with the Lord in the growing reality of this prophetic verse?
5. Part of that process is fairly obvious - prayer! Take some time in prayer to invite the Lord into areas of both strength and weakness in your life. Utilize Jeremiah 17:7-8 as a prayer template literally.