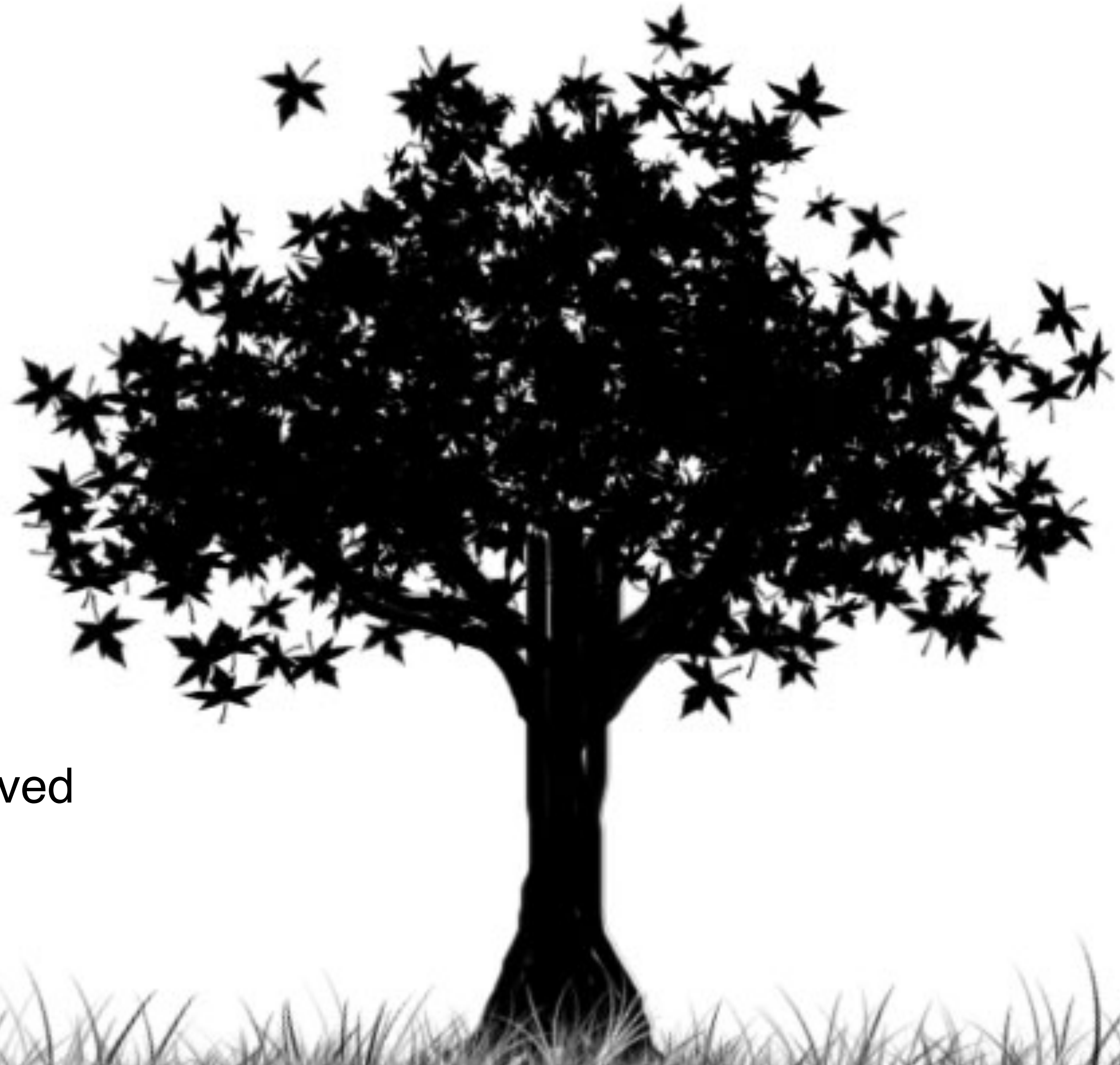


# Trees

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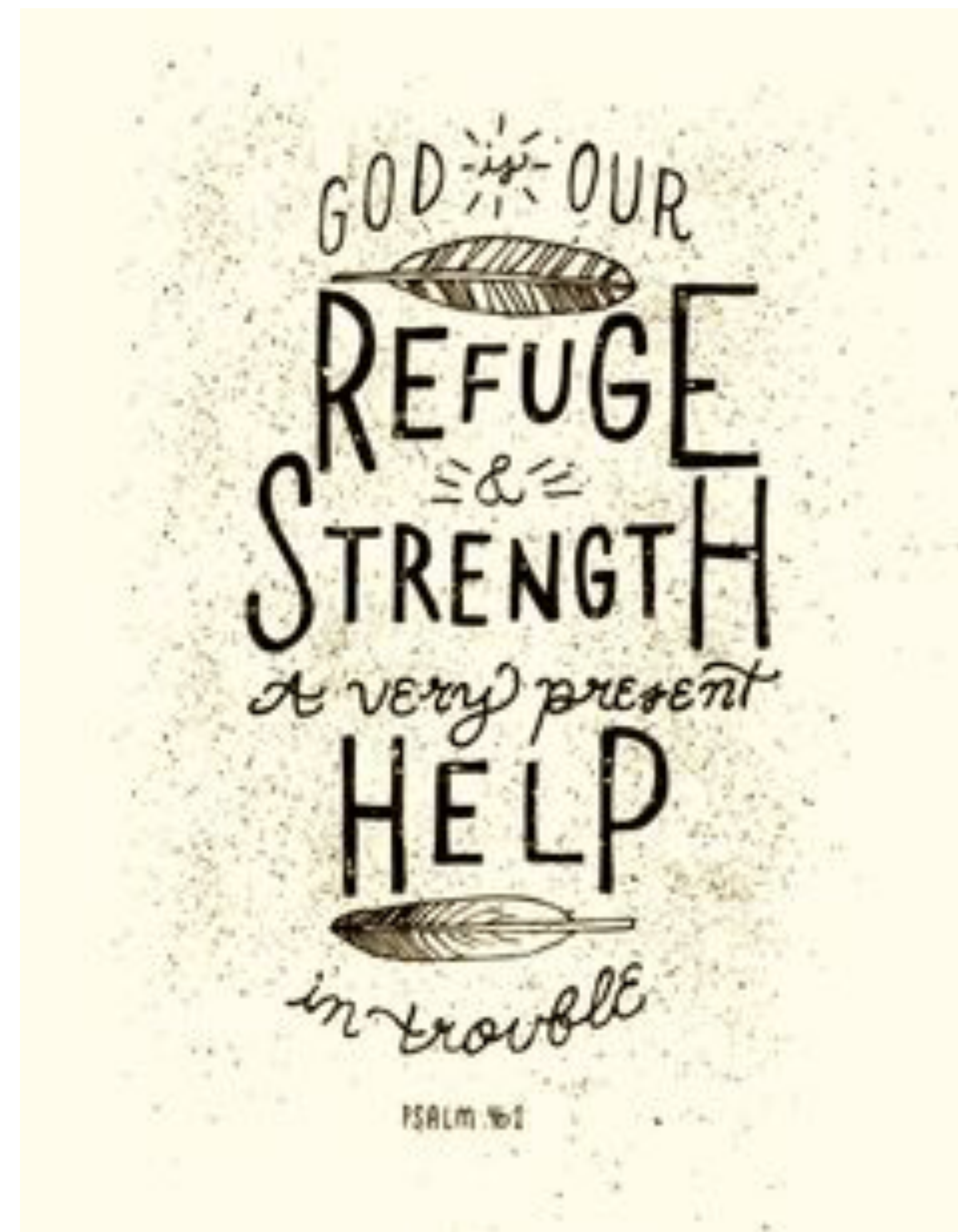
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- Mankind is plagued with evil thoughts and imaginations because of the condition of his heart. *Luke 6:45 A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh.*
- When man seeks after his own way, he infects the next generation. God shook Moses' generation in the wilderness because their actions of idolatry and disobedience would eventually cause their children to stumble. *Num. 16:30 But if the LORD make a new thing, and the earth open her mouth, and swallow them up, with all that appertain unto them, and they go down quick into the pit; then ye shall understand that these men have provoked the LORD.*
- God has promised that He will shake the Earth again but it will include the heavens as well. The world will be shaken and destroyed, but God's Word will remain. *Matt. 24:35 Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.*



- When we trust in God's Word, we become like trees that are planted and well rooted. Being grounded in the Word keeps us from falling when things are shaken. *Eph. 3:17 That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,*
- We do not have to worry about the shaking that is coming because our strength comes from God's supply. What we have been taught and what we have applied will keep us standing. *Jude 24 Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy,*
- When we remain in fellowship with God's Word and with His people, we will be strengthened and encouraged in perilous times. We must prepare for the shaking by fortifying ourselves with God's truth and borrow strength from the household of faith. *Heb. 10:25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.*



***Jer. 17:7 “Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD And whose trust is the LORD.***

***Jer. 17:8 “For he will be like a tree planted by the water, that extends its roots by a stream and will not fear when the heat comes; but its leaves will be green, and it will not be anxious in a year of drought nor cease to yield fruit. ”***

- **Balance** - A tree must maintain a perfect balance between its branches and its roots. If the branches and leaves are too heavy for the roots to support it, the tree will fall. Allow your roots to grow before you branch out!
- **Supply** - Water, air, and light are essential materials for sustaining life. The water and light during photosynthesis creates food, nourishment, and oxygen in the air. The air is the Spirit, the water is the purification and the light is the Word. If you lack these elements, you cannot grow.
- **Power** - A tree can show signs of life under the toughest circumstances. Once a tree begins to take root, it really doesn't matter what you do to the branches and leaves, it still has the power to grow from within. We must make sure that we have God's power inside of us, so we can endure turbulent times and continue being a light for others.





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Trees are made to withstand storms. When the Bible likens us to being as trees planted by the river, it's suggesting that we become strong enough to endure God's shaking. The children of Israel experienced a great earthquake where many people were swallowed up by the ground. However, Moses, Aaron, and those that followed God's commandments were still standing afterwards.

Obedience to God preserves us. When we trust Him and stand on His Word, we are preserved as trees and we are sustained by Him. During this time of great shaking, we must trust in the Lord and stand tall in this last and evil day.

***Heb. 12:25 See to it that you do not refuse Him who is speaking. For if those did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, much less will we escape who turn away from Him who warns from heaven.***

***Heb. 12:26 And His voice shook the earth then, but now He has promised, saying, “YET ONCE MORE I WILL SHAKE NOT ONLY THE EARTH, BUT ALSO THE HEAVEN.”***

***Heb. 12:27 This expression, “Yet once more,” denotes the removing of those things which can be shaken, as of created things, so that those things which cannot be shaken may remain.***

***Heb. 12:28 Therefore, since we receive a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable service with reverence and awe;***

***Heb. 12:29 for our God is a consuming fire.***