SCRIPTURE & SOIL

DEEP ROOTS · REAL LIFE

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A LIFE DEVOTED

What we give ourselves to shapes who we become.



"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer."

ACTS 2:42

Acts 2 gives us a remarkable glimpse into the life of the early church. The Holy Spirit had been poured out. Thousands had responded to the gospel. A new community of believers was taking shape.

And Luke tells us what marked their lives:

They devoted themselves.

That word matters. These were not simply activities they fitted into their lives when they had enough time. They became rhythms around which their new life in Christ was formed. Luke names four of them:

THE APOSTLES' TEACHING

They gave themselves to learning the truth about Jesus and understanding the Scriptures.

FELLOWSHIP

Following Jesus drew them into genuine relationship with one another. Faith was not lived in isolation.

BREAKING OF BREAD

They shared life and meals together, and the breaking of bread also became part of their worship and remembrance of Jesus.

PRAYER

They were a praying community — dependent upon God rather than simply relying on themselves.

Word. Fellowship. Breaking bread. Prayer. These were not four disconnected religious activities. Together, they formed a way of life. And at the heart of it all was Jesus.

In John 6:35 Jesus says, *"I am the bread of life."* The deepest hunger of the human heart is not ultimately satisfied by information, activity or even religious routine. It is satisfied in Christ Himself.

That is why spending time in Scripture is about far more than completing a reading plan. We open the Word because **we want to know Him.**

As Scripture shapes us, our understanding changes. Our prayers deepen. Our relationships are affected. Wisdom grows. Our priorities begin to shift.

The Word does not merely give us information about God.
It continually draws us into knowing Him.

PAUSE & REFLECT

1. Of the four rhythms in Acts 2:42 — Scripture, fellowship, breaking bread and prayer — which comes most naturally to you? Which needs more intentional attention?

2. What most often keeps you from spending meaningful time in God's Word?

A SIMPLE QUESTION

Instead of only asking:
"Did I read my Bible today?"
try asking:
"What did I discover about God today?"

That small change moves Bible reading from simply completing a task toward growing in relationship.

TODAY

Choose a short passage of Scripture.
Read it slowly.
Then ask:

- What does this reveal about God?
- What does it reveal about me?
- What truth do I need to carry into today?

And before you close your Bible, take a moment to respond to God in prayer.

PRAYER

Father, give me a growing hunger for Your Word. Help me not merely to read Scripture for information, but to meet You in its truth. Shape my thoughts, my prayers, my relationships and the way I live. Teach me to become a person who is devoted to Your Word, to prayer and to life with Your people.

Amen.