



## ☀️ Family Devotional Reading:

### Rooted in God's Love

#### Scripture: Psalm 52

Psalm 52 reminds us that true strength doesn't come from money, power, or clever words—but from trusting in God's steadfast love. The psalm contrasts two ways of living: one built on selfishness and control, and another rooted deeply in God's goodness.

David wrote this psalm after witnessing someone use their words and influence to cause harm. Instead of taking revenge, he chose to trust that God sees and will bring justice in His time. This helps us remember that following Jesus means using our words and power to build others up, not tear them down.

We live in a world where people often use influence for personal gain. But God calls His people to something better—to speak truth, do what's right, and trust Him to provide when we choose generosity over greed. Like a green olive tree planted in God's house, those who trust Him grow strong and steady, even when the world around them feels unfair.

#### Key Thought:

We grow strong and steady when we trust God's love and use our words and power to help others, not ourselves.

## 💬 FAMILY CONVERSATION STARTERS

### YOUNG KIDS (AGES 4–7):

- What makes a person “good” in God's eyes?
- How can you use your words to help someone today?

### OLDER KIDS (AGES 8–12):

- Why do you think God wants us to tell the truth, even when it's hard?
- Can you think of someone who uses their power or influence to help others? What do you like about that?

### TEENS & ADULTS:

- What are some modern examples of people misusing power or words for selfish reasons?
- How can we, as a family, be a voice for truth and justice while still showing love and grace?

## 🎨 SHORT FAMILY ACTIVITY:

### “GROW LIKE AN OLIVE TREE”

**Supplies:** *Paper, crayons or markers, optional small plant or seeds.*

1. Read Psalm 52:8 together (“But I am like an olive tree flourishing in the house of God...”).
2. Draw a big tree on paper. On the roots, write words that describe what keeps us strong in God (like truth, prayer, kindness, honesty).
3. On the branches, write ways you can use your words and actions to do good this week (encourage a friend, give to someone in need, tell the truth, pray for others).
4. Pray that God will help your family grow deep roots in His love and stand strong for what's right.

**OPTIONAL:** PLANT A SMALL SEED OR CARE FOR A HOUSEPLANT THIS WEEK AS A REMINDER TO STAY “ROOTED” IN GOD'S LOVE.

### CLOSING PRAYER:

“God, thank You for being good and just. Help us use our words and actions to show Your love and truth. Teach us to trust You more than power or things, and help our family grow strong and steady like a tree planted in Your house. Amen.”