

## "LIFE THROUGH THE LENS"



### SHALLOW ROOTED - OH DEAR



"PING!" and there it was on my phone. A sign which translated into "Big winds are coming your way. Be prepared!"

Before long, everything was "Shake, Rattle and Roll!" It looked like the large roll-up garage door might implode into the garage, so I pushed the large workbench against it, went to bed, listened, and imagined the chaos we would find tomorrow.

Surprisingly, our area had minor damage, with only a couple of trees having blown down. Interestingly, much higher trees adjacent to the smaller, shrubby trees survived, only losing a few minor branches. Why? The answer was obvious. The trees that did not, could not stand the pressure of the wind, had shallow root systems.

Sadly, we hear and see many people, and sometimes ourselves, getting blown over and damaged because of a shallow root system. There can be many reasons for this struggle to withstand the pressures of life (It has always been so), and for all who struggle to stand firm against the forces that storm into their lives, it will be personal.

Long ago, a follower of Jesus who knew the strength that Jesus and his love could bring to a person's life wrote these words, "Through faith, let your roots grow down into Him (Jesus). Let your lives be built on Him (Jesus)." **(Colossians 2:7)**

How does this building a life on and with Jesus, the drawing of strength from His strength and great forgiving love, happen?

Learn more about his love and promises to forgive, help and build up by reading His words in the Bible. Find and talk to others who know and have experienced His love and strengthening. Despite what you might think about church people, many are genuine and would love to help you understand and grow strong in His love and in standing firm against the pressures trying to blow you over. Very importantly, talk to Him like you would speak to a friend about the help you need. Believe me, that is why He said, "I have come so you can have a fulfilling life, living in My forgiving love."

God bless you,

Kevin.