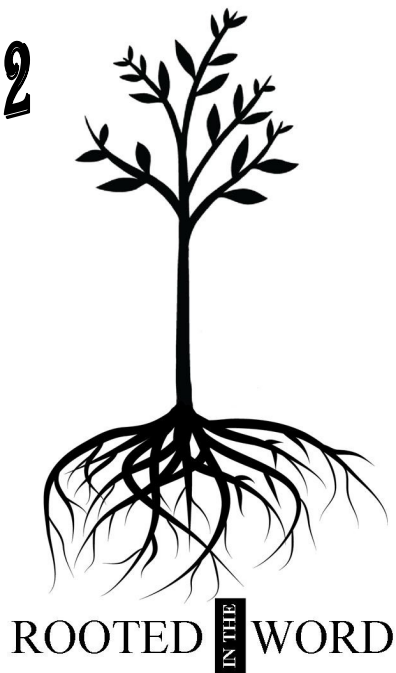


**FEBRUARY 6-12, 2012**

**James 1: 16-18**



**James 1:16-18 (New International Version)**

<sup>16</sup> Don't be deceived, my dear brothers and sisters. <sup>17</sup> Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. <sup>18</sup> He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created.

Rooted in the Word weekly readings for  
February 6-12, 2012  
Scripture: James 1:16-18

Begin each daily devotional reading with prayer. Ask that God would speak to you through the Holy Spirit and His Word. Consider memorizing verses 17.

**February 6: Read James 1:12-15.** Having focused on this passage/theme for the last week of devotions and in the worship service yesterday, what is the Lord asking of you in response?

**February 7: Read James 1:16-18.** Read the passage slowly several times. What word or phrase draws your attention? Spend time reflecting on that word/phrase asking God to speak to you through it.

**February 8: Read James 1:16-18.** Focus on verse 17. What qualities are mentioned about the character of God in this passage? What other qualities are important in your understanding of who God is? Spend time praising God for who He is and how He has been known/experienced in your life.

**February 9: Read James 1:16-18.** Focus on verse 18. What qualities are mentioned about our character as people of faith in this passage? What do these qualities mean in your life and how are they reflected?

**February 10: Read James 1:16-18.** Our passage speaks about God and God's people. It also speaks, in subtle ways, about the world in which we live. What does it tell you about our world?

**February 11: Read James 1:16-18.** What does it mean for you to have a changeless God in a world of change? How do we balance having a relevant church and faith and a changeless God?

**February 12: Read James 1:16-18.** Spend time in prayer thanking God for His Word, asking that He would continue to speak to you through the Spirit, this passage and the message on Sunday morning.