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Our Scripture today:

Psalm 81

The Message:

Most people water their gardens too little. Our natural inclination is to give plants a refreshing shower, leaving drops of water on their leaves as the plants start to perk up looking happier and refreshed.

But the truth is that plants don't care much one way or the other about water on their leaves. They take up water through their roots, which are, though this seems almost too basic to mention, under the ground. Getting water down to the roots is the single most important thing you can do to keep your plants alive. And so, it is with our faith, we must go deeper to our very roots to strengthen us for the difficult times.

Try this: When you think you've watered your garden enough, take a trowel and dig down into the ground four inches. Because most of us don't water thoroughly the first time, the soil will probably still be dry.

The Message:

This can be a humbling and useful revelation for a new gardener. As we develop our relationship with God it's good to remember this too. Watering plants too shallow make them lazy and ill-prepared to go deep in case of drought. And we too need to develop deep roots for when times are the most trying.

Prayer:

Heavenly Father, your word says that you will be by my side and will always guide me. I am never alone with you in my heart. You will satisfy my needs when I feel frustrated and you will lift me up and strengthen me when life makes me weary. Help me to remain mindful and to follow your ways as you lead me into a life of truth, kindness, and joy. Help me to be like the well-watered garden that thrives because the roots are firmly planted in your love. Amen.