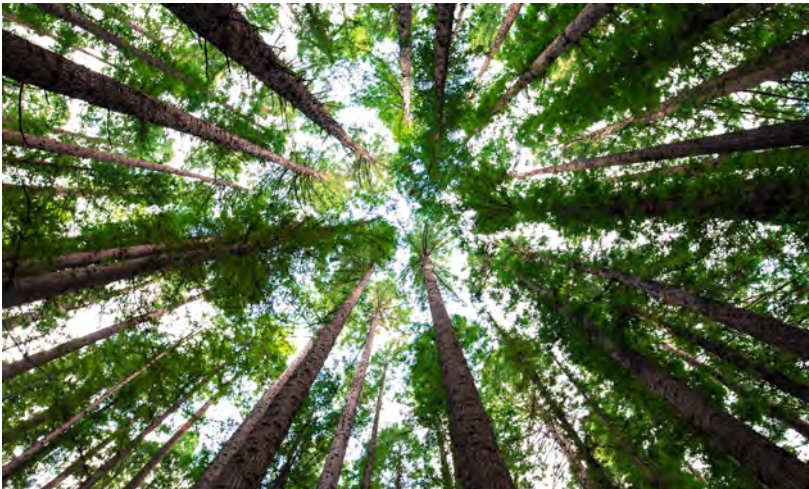


A Word from Our President

## A Lesson from the Redwood Tree

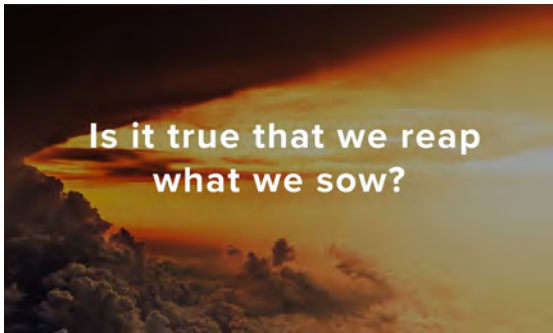


Redwood trees are among the tallest trees in the world, growing to heights of more than three hundred seventy feet (taller than a football field)! Some old-growth redwoods are so broad cars are able to drive through fissures that have developed at their bases.

One might think trees standing that tall would have very deep roots to keep them from falling over. Interestingly, root systems of redwood trees are very shallow, only going down five or six feet. What then makes redwood trees so resilient that many live for up to two thousand years? The answer is their intricate root systems that interweave within large groups of trees. When scientists examined redwood root systems, they found that individual tree roots often supply more than one tree. That means roots from one tree can supply other trees within that common root system.

Just as the roots of mighty redwoods help supply one another, so do the individual members of Christ's body, the Church. Though Jesus Christ is the single head of His Church, members of His Church are joined together and supplied as a single body. Just as individual redwood tree roots may supply other redwood trees, members of the body of Christ "supply" other members of the body. Though Jesus's Church has many members, each member helps to supply the whole body. Each member helps to edify, comfort, and encourage the whole body.

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Is it true that we reap  
what we sow?

Galatians 6:7-8 – "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting."

Romans 6:21-23 – "What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? for the end of those things is death. But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life. For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

1 Corinthians 15:42-43 – "So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption: it is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power."

Galatians 6:9 – "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."

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## A Diverse Family



Recently many of our listeners participated in the “Why Listen?” survey. The survey reached out to tens of thousands of people who listen to Christian radio across the country. The answers helped us tremendously and gave us insight into who our listeners are and what ministers to them.

It also revealed something we found rather exciting. Out of all the other listeners, Family Radio’s are some of the most diverse in ethnicity, political affiliation, and geographic location! Why is this important? Because the seed of the Gospel should be sown to all people regardless of ethnicity, politics, or nationality. As Galatians 3:28 says, “ye are all one in Christ Jesus.” By God’s grace, our ministry is reaching the hearts of many people. And by God’s grace, we’ll be able to continue to spread the Good News to all people!

## What People Are Saying

“It’s so amazing how God works! Since I started to listen Family Radio, God changed my life. To God be the glory! Thank you so much for your wonderful ministry. I always praise Him for you. God bless you all!” - Aida

“I requested some of your free materials that I could pass out to others. I have personally seen for myself how passing out those cards to others has made a great impact in their lives. I could tell you quite a few stories on how giving out Family Radio materials has touched so many people, but that would take too long to write them all.” - Russell

“What joy and blessing I have found whenever I listen to your radio broadcasting! It is a real joy to listen to your station day and night. It brings comfort to my soul. Please keep up the good work.” - Evadney

“Your program plays night and day in our home. Thank you for your faithful ministry. It gives me hope to hear the hymns of my childhood; they speak to my heart. God bless you in a mighty way!” - Sharon

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God commands us as His Church to endeavor “to keep the unity of Spirit in the bond of peace” (Ephesians 4:3) and to be “kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ’s sake hath forgiven you” (Ephesians 4:32).

Just as a single redwood tree is strengthened by his fellow redwoods, we (thanks to God’s grace and wisdom) are strengthened by other members of the body of Christ!

The same goes for our ministry. Which is why we say, “Together we are Family Radio!”



When Martin Luther wrote the hymn “A Mighty Fortress is Our God,” it became known as the “Battle Hymn of the Reformation.” For many believers, the Reformation really was a battle. Hundreds were martyred for their Protestant beliefs. Many sang “A Mighty Fortress is Our God” as they walked to their deaths. It gave them hope and reminded them of their faith in a mighty God.

Let goods and kindred go, This mortal life also  
The body they may kill; God’s truth abideth still:  
His kingdom is forever.

Today, “A Mighty Fortress is Our God” remains one of the most popular hymns in western Christendom and a beautiful reminder of the victory we have in Christ.

