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FRUIT BUT NO ROOTS

We had some strong wind blow through central Florida this afternoon. The trees in our backyard were bending with the wind, and leaves and other debris were flying. We had prayed for protection of our home, and thankfully nothing happened to it.

After the wind and rain had eased off, we heard a knock at the front door. It was our neighbor letting us know that a tree had fallen in our yard. Thankfully, it didn't fall on our house or on our neighbor's house. There were actually two trees that had been planted together in a large pot. These particular papayas were the sweetest papayas I have ever eaten. It had produced fruit for over four years.

Yet, in spite of its fruitfulness, if you look at the picture you will see how shallow the roots are. They do not go very deep at all. Because of the short root system when the storm came it toppled easily. There is no way to re-root this tree because it is too large to do this, and the root system would not take the replanting.

It reminded me immediately when I saw this tree and its roots, that many of us may have some fruit in our lives for a while, but when storms come, we fall prey to the winds because we aren't rooted and grounded in the Word of God. Our only source of hope is the truths that we find in the Word of God. This is where our roots grow deep. This is where we go to when the storms come and shake us. Without the deep roots we would crash like this poor papaya tree.

Are you rooted in the Word of God or are you only looking for a prophetic word? Choose wisely because one may bring fruit for a short period of time, but the other will bring fruit that remains.