



## Week #2 – Response

*People and their lives are like trees. Good trees bear beautiful, tasty fruit, but bad trees bear ugly, bitter fruit. A good tree cannot bear ugly, bitter fruit; nor can a bad tree bear fruit that is beautiful and tasty.*

Matthew 7:17-18 (VOICE)

Our \_\_\_\_\_ in the moment  
will come from our \_\_\_\_\_-before the moment.

Practice a rhythm of \_\_\_\_\_.

*It's my duty to make sure that Satan does not win even a small victory over us, for we don't want to be naïve and then fall prey to his schemes.*

2 Corinthians 2:11 (VOICE)

*Therefore, if anyone is united with the Anointed One, that person is a new creation. The old life is gone—and see—a new life has begun! All of this is a gift from our Creator God, who has pursued us and brought us into a restored and healthy relationship with Him through the Anointed. And He has given us the same mission, the ministry of reconciliation, to bring others back to Him. It is central to our good news that God was in the Anointed making things right between Himself and the world. This means He does not hold their sins against them. But it also means He charges us to proclaim the message that heals and restores our broken relationships with God and each other. So we are now representatives of the Anointed One, the Liberating King; God has given us a charge to carry through our lives—urging all people on behalf of the Anointed to become reconciled to the Creator God.*

2 Corinthians 5:17-20 (VOICE)

*Don't let even one rotten word seep out of your mouths. Instead, offer only fresh words that build others up when they need it most. That way your good words will communicate grace to those who hear them.*

Ephesians 4:29 (VOICE)

Practice a rhythm of \_\_\_\_\_.

*Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.*

Romans 12:2 (NLT)

*For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.*

2 Corinthians 10:3-5 (NIV)

## Discussion Questions

1. What is a relationship in your life where you want to extend more grace?
2. What thought process in your life or lie have you told yourself that has held you back? Think of one that you want to speak truth to.
3. What scripture speaks truth to the lie? (Name it. Expose it. Speak truth to it.)

## Recommended Resources

- *Get Out of Your Head*, by Jennie Allen
- *Atlas of the Heart*, by Brene Brown
- *Live No Lies*, by John Mark Comer
- *Winning the War in Your Mind*, by Craig Groeschel
- *How to be Unoffendable*, Conversations with John and Lisa Bevere