

Daily Devotion For February 15, 2023

<sup>6</sup> So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, <sup>7</sup> rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness." Colossians 2:6-7

Yesterday I drove from my home to visit Kiku Kuwatani at the Carmel Hills Care Center. After my half-hour visit I drove home only to discover that a large pine tree had fallen across the road and the Holman Highway was backed up in both directions. It must have just happened because there were no highway maintenance workers anywhere to be found. Some cars waited patiently and others turned around to go back the way they came.

With all the winds and rains that the peninsula has had the past month, it must have been that the soil was over saturated and could no longer sustain the tree. Although the tree had fallen only a few minutes earlier, perhaps the process of the tree falling happened a long time ago. Without much rain in our drought-stricken area for years, perhaps the tree did not have the opportunity to grow strong roots.

The same could be said for our spiritual lives as well. Christians don't suddenly fall. The process of erosion in our lives happens slowly over months and years. It is often a slow, silent, secret, process and then suddenly one day, the roots of our lives collapse that no one saw or expected.

**Thought For Today:** Are the roots of your spiritual lives growing deeper and stronger every day or are they susceptible to the erosion of your soul? Take time to treat it now lest you fall and collapse.

**Today's Prayer Focus:** Pray that the Lord will build strong roots in your life. Continued prayers for Kiku, Dr. Cary, Mike Kelly, Setsuko Yamanishi, Anne Bevier, Tom Gunter and all of their care givers. Deo Volente.