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AN APPROACH TO MEDITATING ON GOD'S WORD	
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INTRODUCTION	
• God is a gardener - Genesis 2:8-9	_
<ul> <li>Israel likened to a garden - Numbers 24:5-6</li> <li>Solomon finding meaning in gardening - Ecclesiastes 2:3-6</li> </ul>	
• Song of Solomon's use of gardening imagery - Song of Solomon 4:16	
<ul> <li>Israel's devastation likened to a garden - Isaiah 1:29-30</li> <li>Jesus' abundant use of garden imagery - Luke 13:6</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>A relationship with Jesus and gardening image - John 15:1-2</li> </ul>	
My own experience as a gardener and spiritual lessons from pruning	
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HAVE A PLAN	
<ul> <li>The Meditation Principle: When meditating on Scripture, seek to be thoughtful and imaginative.</li> </ul>	
The Pruning Principle: "Before starting to prune, have a plan for the tree	
and the garden as a whole. Working in stages to accomplish the goal. Respect the plant and make its health the first priority. Removal of large	
branches and trunks are often best accomplished gradually over time."  • As one gardens and prunes thoughtfully and imaginatively, so read the	
Word of God	
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[The Scriptures] are words intended, whether confrontationally or obliquely,	
to get inside us, to deal with our souls, to form a life that is congruent with	
the world that God has created, the salvation that he has enacted, and the	
community that he has gathered. Such writing anticipates and counts on a certain kind of reading, a dog-with-a-bone kind of reading. (Eugene	
Peterson)	
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Then Jesus took them through the writings of Moses and all the prophets,	
explaining from all the Scriptures the things concerning himself. (Luke 24:22- 27)	
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the Bible is substantially intelligible to the common person and requires	
neither pope nor professor to interpret it. It is essentially open to our understanding without recourse to academic specialists or a privileged	
priesthood. (Eugene Peterson)	
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- The Meditation Principle: Focus on what's good and understandable, not the problematic.
- What's helpful and accessible? What's beautiful?
- The Pruning Principle: "Focus on what is best about a plant and accentuate it. Identifying the essence of the tree is a good starting point. What is it about this particular species that is enjoyable, striking or beautiful? It could be its structure, shape, color, foliage, flowers, fruit, bark or any quality that distinguishes it."

## FIND THE GOOD

Such things were written in the Scriptures long ago to teach us. And the Scriptures give us hope and encouragement as we wait patiently for God's promises to be fulfilled. May God, who gives this patience and encouragement, help you live in complete harmony with each other, as is fitting for followers of Christ Jesus. Then all of you can join together with one voice, giving praise and glory to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. (Romans 15:4-6)

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## FIND THE GOOD

The goal is not to remove the bad, but to emphasize and enhance the good.

All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work. (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

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<ul> <li>The Meditation Principle: Taking what you glean from scripture and learn to apply to the particulars of your life.</li> </ul>	
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The Pruning Principle: Find a balance between big branches and small	
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So get rid of all the filth and evil in your lives, and humbly accept the word	
God has planted in your hearts, for it has the power to save your souls. But	
don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are	
only fooling yourselves. For if you listen to the word and don't obey, it is like glancing at your face in a mirror. You see yourself, walk away, and forget	
what you look like. But if you look carefully into the perfect law that sets you	
free, and if you do what it says and don't forget what you heard, then God	
will bless you for doing it. (James1:21-25)	
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The Meditation Principle: The Scriptures intend for us to move upward toward Cod and outward towards people not to read it only or to stay in	
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The Pruning Principle: "This illustrates the concept that, in most cases,	
trunks and branches grow from their attachment to their tips in a	
direction that is generally in an upward and away from the center of the	
tree kind of way."	

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And now, just as you accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord, you must continue	
to follow him. Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and	
you will overflow with thankfulness. (Colossians 2:6-7)	
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Let the message about Christ, in all its richness, fill your lives. Teach and	
counsel each other with all the wisdom he gives. Sing psalms and hymns and	
spiritual songs to God with thankful hearts. And whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through him to God	
the Father. (Colossians 3:16-17)	
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<ul> <li>The Meditation Principle: Remember that every passage of Scripture is integrated into the whole of God's story.</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>The Pruning Principle: "Each garden tells a story and each feature within a garden has a story that contributes to the overall story of the garden. What</li> </ul>	
is meant by telling a story is fairly straightforward and usually relates to the	
environment the garden is portraying which provides an explanation for the overall appearance and the appearance of each feature within the	
garden. Find what gives the garden unity and harmony and honor it."	
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