

Thought for the day: Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2023

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Water back to life

I had this plant at the back of my yard, which I got from a good friend of mine, but I forgot to plant it immediately. So, I left it there. I would have watered it, but as time went on it was in a position where no one would see it. So, it wouldn't get the water routinely. And eventually the plant dried up. When I discovered it, I was so heart broken. I thought, no, no, no, no, you are not going to die!

So, I moved it from the location, and I started watering it, I can tell you I watered it a couple of weeks, and there was no sign of any life. But then, out of the blue, here we go! I started to see tender branches, new leaves sprouting again.

And the lesson there is that there may be many situations in which we give up too quickly. We count it a loss. We are ready to throw in the cards. And say there is nothing there. But the principle of life, is still within the plant. Somewhere there, hidden from our eyes, but by faith we know that and we water the situation.

Job 14:7 says. – For there is a hope of a tree, if it be cut down, that it will sprout again, and that the tender branch thereof will not cease. Though the root thereof wax old in the earth, and the stock thereof die in the ground, yet through the scent of water it will bud, and bring forth boughs like a plant.

What an amazing encouragement, and the world needs encouragement. People need encouragement and inspiration. And we can be someone who does that. Who waters things so they can blossom and bud again, even though signs of life are not there. Don't listen to the lie, that there is no hope there. There is hope, and we can promote that, we can water that, and before we know, when the life giver, who is God, is ready, He will give life and the increase and cause it to blossom again.

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