

J o y S m i t h



Radiant River

*A FATHER'S BLESSING:
May your heart recognize,
receive, rejoice and rest in
the cry of Jesus' love for you.
May you become so over-
whelmed by His grace that
you overflow with His joy so
that you will never be
overcome by the storms of
doubt, fear or failure. And as
you believe in and receive
the love of the Father in
Christ may you be strength-
ened through His Spirit to
become the beautiful bride,
nurturing mother, loyal
friend, and winsome witness
He has specially designed
you to be.*

*For this reason I bow
my knees before the
Father, from whom every
family in heaven and on
earth derives its name, that
He would grant you, according to
the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with
power through His Spirit in the inner man,
so that Christ may dwell in your hearts
through faith; and that you, being
rooted and grounded in love, may
be able to comprehend with all the
saints what is the breadth and length and
height and depth, and to know the love of
Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you
may be filled up to all the fullness of God.
Now to Him who is able to do far more
abundantly beyond all that we ask or think,
according to the power that works within us,
to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus
to all generations forever and ever. Amen. Ephesians 3:14-21*

Eddie Smith



VALIENT WARRIOR

*A FATHER'S BLESSING:
May our Father God gift
and lend you many of His
children to raise in the
image of Christ for His
glory. May He personally
train you how to carve,
chisel, shape, and sharpen
each child over the years
just as a valiant warrior
carefully prepares each
arrow for battle. May you*

*learn to lead and nurture your family with tender, skillful hands so that
you will aim and give each of them flight toward the most worthy of
targets, the Father's heart. May you never, ever forget that we are at
war and that you must lead the fight to protect, guide and equip your
family in a hostile land which no longer fears our God. And may the
Lord bless you with great reward so that your family will bring you
much honor when they stand for Christ in the marketplace and are not
ashamed at the gates of our culture.*

PSALM 127:3-5

Behold, children are a gift of the Lord; the fruit of the womb is a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, so are the children of one's youth. How blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them; they will not be ashamed when they speak with their enemies in the gate.

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PRICELESS VESSEL

A FATHER'S BLESSING:

O may our infinitely creative Father continue to use the truth of His Word to fashion, mold and make you into His one of a kind timeless treasure. Like a skilled potter may He spin your creative life gifts as He pulls, pushes, pinches and paints with glaze your character into the image of Jesus. And then may you patiently and resiliently endure the fiery kiln of His holy grace which will purify your motives, desires, aspirations, and vision in order to present you as the woman, wife, mother, friend, teacher, and servant that He designed you to be. I pray that you will grow in

your understanding that the more you experience the Master's peace the more you will become His masterpiece! And may you find your greatest purpose and pleasure while in His mighty hands. And as you are filled with His love, then may you pour yourself out for others!

**"Behold,
like the clay in the
potter's hand, so are you in
My hand..." Jeremiah 18:6 "For I am confident of this
very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect
it until the day of Christ Jesus. For it is only right for me to feel
this way about you, because I have you in my heart...
Philippians 1:6-7 "Therefore I urge you... by the
mercies of God, to present your body a living and holy
sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. And do not be conformed to this world
but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so
that you may prove what the will of God is, that
which is good and acceptable and
perfect." Romans 12:1-2**

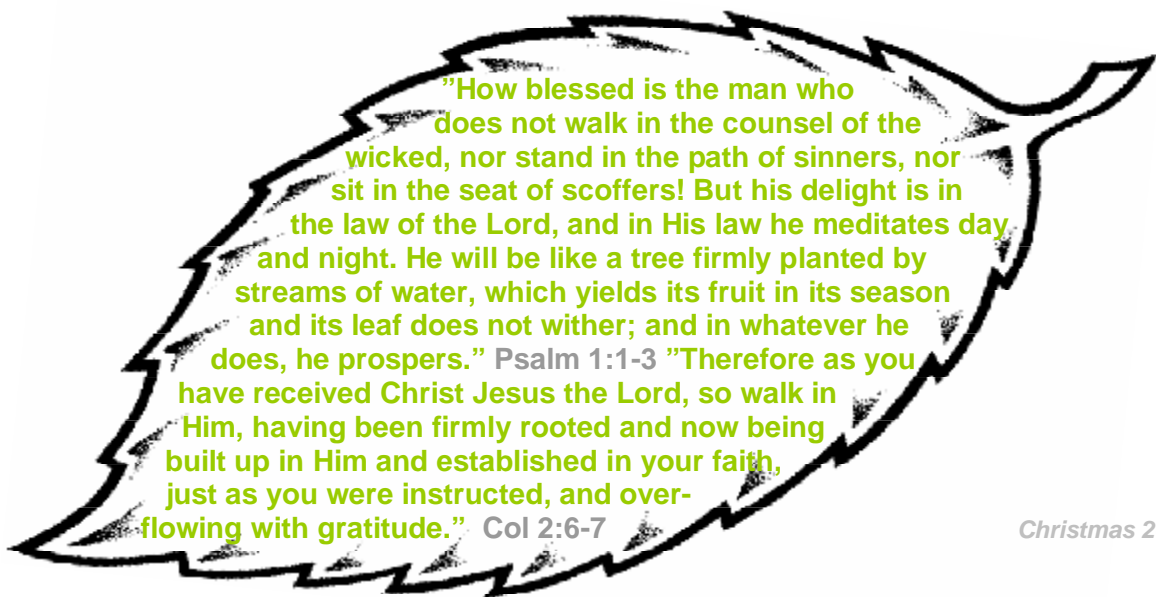
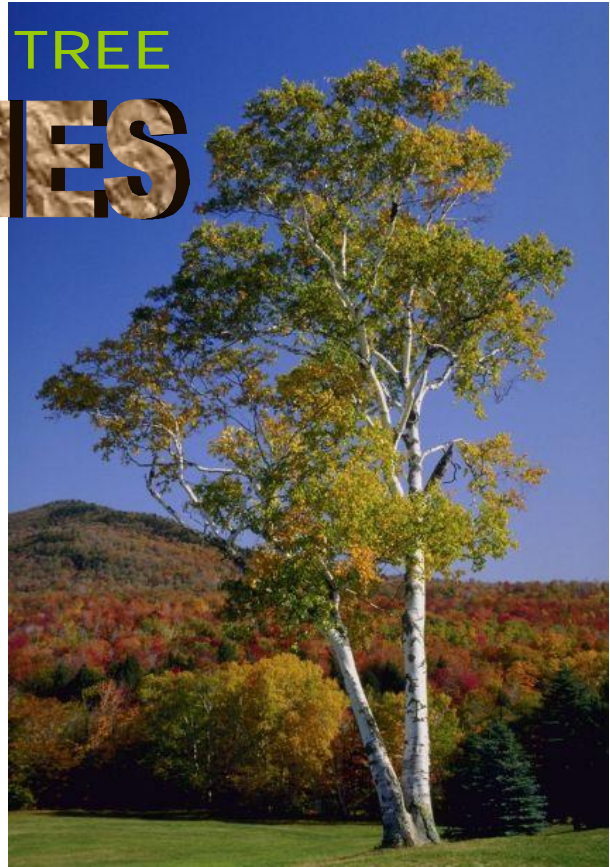
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FRUITFUL TREE MARC JONES

A FATHER'S BLESSING:

May our Lord God richly bless as you daily chose to walk in His wisdom rather than crawl in the counsel of this world; as you stand solidly for the Savior as you seek to win the sinner; as you proclaim His Word to a culture which scoffs and suppresses the truth. May your heart be ever more dedicated to the Lord and your mind every more delighted in His Law for which you hunger more than life itself. I am confident that the Father will grow your roots so deep, so strong, so securely that the winds and currents of this world will never move or break you.

Moreover, may our Creator God greatly multiply the fruit of your character as a man of integrity and the seeds of a multi-generation legacy as you nurture your bride and model Christ to your children. And season after faithful season may you reproduce Christ in countless men as He Himself protects you and your family through the storms, droughts, fires, and blights of life.



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