



GRACE CHURCH

HOPE LIVES HERE



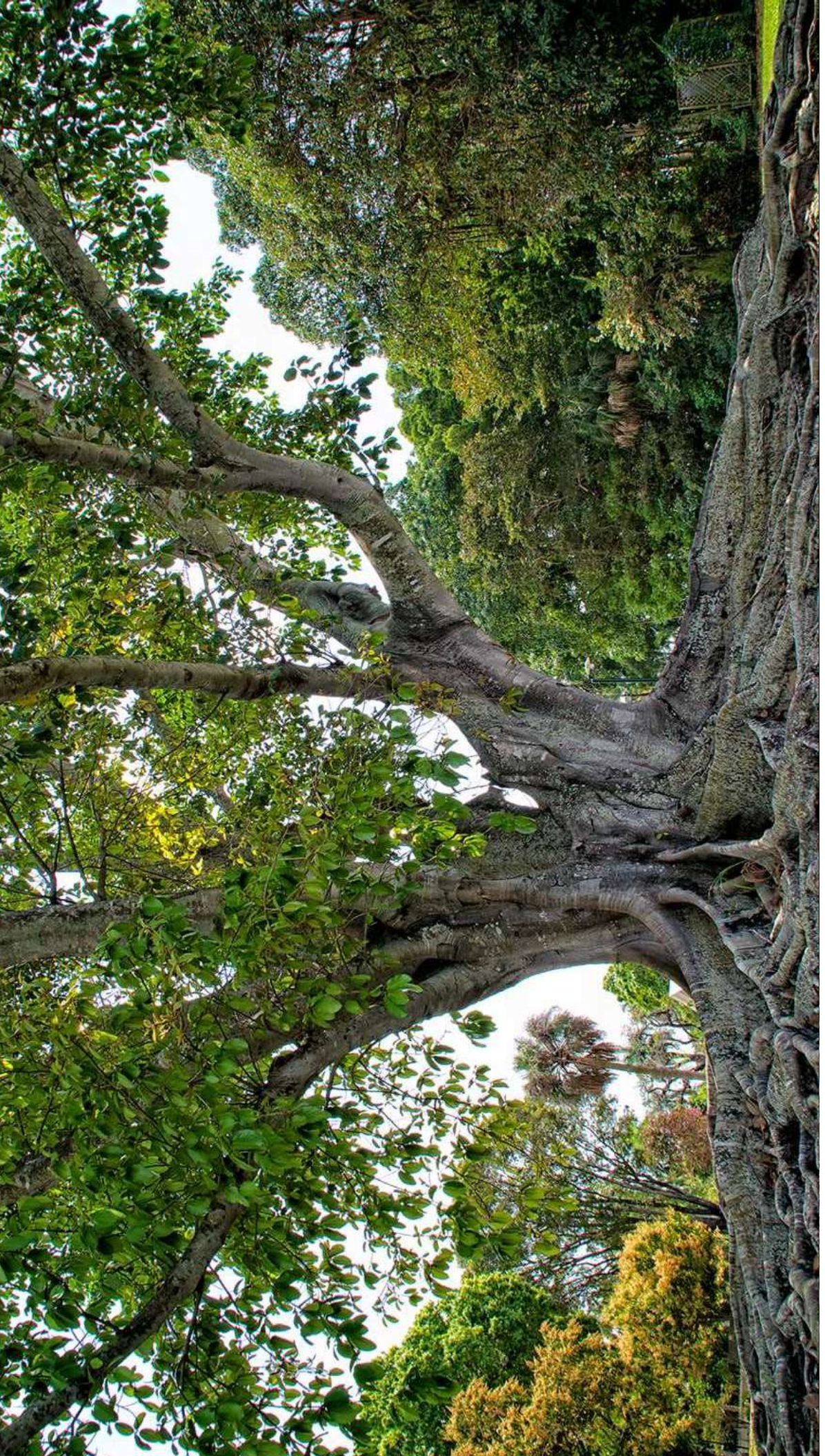
FAITHFUL

WINTER SERIES



THE FIG TREE

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MAINTAIN IDEAS

BE RESPONSIBLE



OUTLINE

- I. Parable of the Fig Tree
- II. Parable of the Thief
- III. Parable of the Two Servants

*Heaven and earth will
pass away, but My words
will not pass away.*

MATTHEW 24:35 ESV



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wise servant, whom his
master has set over his
household, to give them their
food at the proper time?*

MATTHEW 24:45 ESV



*Blessed is that servant
whom his master will find
so doing when he comes.*

MATTHEW 24:46 ESV





Parable of the Fig Tree

*From the fig tree learn its
lesson: as soon as its branch
become tender and puts out
its leaf, you know that
summer is near.*

MATTHEW 24:32 ESV



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The Parable of the Thief

*Therefore, be on the alert,
for you do not know which
day your Lord is coming.*

MATTHEW 24:42 NASB




BE READY

The Lesson:

- Time is immaterial.
- Only God knows.
- In the days of Noah.

'Anticipate'



*But know this, that if the master
of the house had known what
part of the night the thief was
coming, he would have stayed
awake and would have not let
his house be broken into.*

MATTHEW 24:43 ESV

*Therefore, you also must be
ready, for the Son of Man is
coming at an hour you do
not expect.*

MATTHEW 24:44 ESV



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'Live Expectantly'




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Parable of the Two Servants

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The Lesson:

- Be missional
- Faithful and wise
- Dual vision

THE CHALLENGE

- Be cognizant
- Be ready
- Be responsible



CONCLUSION

Be the light in the darkness!