

## CouplesInBloom.com – At The Scent Of Water

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”For *there is hope* of a tree, if it is *cut down*, that it will *sprout again*, and its tender branch will not cease. Though its *root becomes old* in the earth, and its *stump dies* in the dust, *yet at the scent of water it will bud* and *bring forth branches* like a plant.” ⇨ Job 14:7-9. The root word (*no pun intended*) of the word “tree” here means to fasten or make firm, and the word picture is closing your eyes tightly. Steadfastness is an important component of the genuine revitalization described in this very encouraging Scripture.

*Hope* is false... unless it can be authentically empowered. God’s *covenant* with those who respond to His love is the power of *hope*. If we have been *cut down* by a life event ⇨ John 16:33, the only way we will *sprout again* and have “tenderness” once again is by this power through God’s Holy Spirit ⇨ Romans 8:11. Realize the context is *death* here; not merely sudden death, but the agonizing and thorough process of *death* to the *stump*.

The power of God is far beyond anything that can be ‘written off’ as ‘co-incidence’ or ‘luck’ or ‘time heals’. Imagine an absolutely horrible relationship, where the sting and stink is so deep that it feels offensive to even *think* about healing. Maybe this is your life. It just so happens that such impossible healing is *precisely* what God *does* ⇨ Luke 18:27.

Before we continue, understand what euphemisms are, because the Bible uses them: Euphemism [from the Greek: *well*, and *to speak*] A representation of good qualities; particularly in rhetoric, a figure in which a harsh or indelicate word or expression is softened, **or** rather by which a delicate word or expression is substituted for one which is offensive to good manners or to delicate ears. Now we can continue on to ⇨ Job 14:9...

“**Yet at the scent of water it will bud** and **bring forth branches** like a plant.” Besides the literal context of plant life, the phrase at the scent of water is a euphemism which refers to sexuality. Correct sexuality is sexuality that is maximized by intimate verity, i.e. relationship God’s way: purity overflowing with joyful abundance; harmony between husband and wife on all levels... spiritual, emotional, sexual, etc... *the exact opposite* of the aforementioned absolutely horrible relationship. This euphemism is relevant because: **WHAT POWER CAN CHANGE ARCH ENEMIES INTO INTIMATE LOVERS??**

When ⇨ Job 14:9 says *it will bud* and *bring forth branches*, it refers to authenticated *life* from authenticated *death!* If your marriage needs this gift from God, understand it is *not* a matter of merely nurturing it back to health like a plant. Read verses surrounding ⇨ Job 14:7-9 for the context. For example ⇨ Job 14:4 “Who gives a clean thing out of an unclean? No one!” Resolving impossibilities is exclusively *supernatural* ⇨ Luke 18:27.

The union of *supernatural* and *covenant* is what allows *budding* and *bringing forth branches* to happen at the scent of water. Horrible marriages heal if both spouses adopt God’s *supernatural* and God’s *covenant*. As marital intimacy manifests at the scent of water sexually, marital intimacy also manifests at the scent of water relationally by the same Creator! *God hates hypocrites who selectively deny His power* ⇨ Psalm 5:5. Christians who divorce to remarry cooperate with this sin of *duplicity*, and it needs to be replaced with God’s *supernatural covenant* before a marriage can *bud* and *produce*. ♥ ♥