

THE KING

CHAPTER FRAMEWORK

A simple way to write what a scripture means to you

K

KEY SCRIPTURE

Name the verse that will anchor your chapter. You can begin with the scripture or let your story lead the reader there.

I

INCIDENT

Tell one true personal story. It can be ordinary. Let us see what happened, what you noticed, and why it stayed with you.

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NUANCE

Give the meaning. Define a word or idea if it helps. Name the wisdom you want the reader to carry away from the scripture.

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GOVERNANCE

End with what will govern your life now. Give the reader one clear action they can take today because of this truth.

This is a framework, not a fence.

Use it as written, rearrange it, or make it your own.

THE FILTER I FORGOT

I had been thinking about scheduling a tune-up for my air conditioner and heater. I could not remember the last time I had done it, but the thought kept returning. So I called the company that installed the system and made the appointment.

Before I hung up, I asked whether I needed to provide my own filter. Usually I do. My first thought was, I need to go buy one before the technician comes. Then I remembered something I had completely forgotten.

The last time I bought filters, I bought extra. I had put them away in a protected place so I would have them when I needed them. I went to look. There they were. Two perfectly usable filters. One for this year. One for next year.

It was a small thing, but it stopped me. I had forgotten what I had already prepared for. God had not.

WHERE YOU PLANTED IT

Psalm 1:3 says that the person who is rooted in God is like a tree planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in its season. That image is not rushed. The tree is not scrambling for water when the heat comes. It has been planted near what can sustain it.

Planting means placing something deliberately where it can be tended over time. Stewardship means caring for what has been placed in your hands. Neither word is flashy. Both are deeply practical.

Planting is preparation with a place.

A working definition

My filters were not a dramatic provision. They were evidence of a small decision made earlier. I had bought extra. I had put them where they could be found. When the need came, I did not have to panic or start from nothing. I needed to remember where I had planted.

That is the wisdom I hear in Psalm 1. A rooted life does not mean every need disappears. It means you can grow habits that keep you close to truth, preparation, prayer, and wise care. The fruit may not show up on your timetable. But you can still tend what is in front of you.

WHAT WILL GOVERN ME TODAY

This scripture changes the way I want to govern my life. I want to stop treating every ordinary need as a surprise. I want to notice what I have, care for it, and keep it where I can find it. I want my small decisions to serve the person I will be later.

For me, that may mean buying the extra filter when I can. It may mean writing down where I stored it. It may mean checking before I spend, instead of assuming I have nothing. The point is not to control every outcome. The point is to become more faithful with what is already in my hands.

Today, pause long enough to look for one thing you have already prepared for. It may be a resource, a skill, a conversation, a note, or a small amount you set aside. Find it. Thank God for it. Then make one choice that helps you tend it well.

Pause. Pray. Put it in its place.

A K-I-N-G closing action

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