

# SERMON NOTES

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Sermon Excerpts:

***“Leadership: Remembering, Retelling, and Reliving Our Stories”***

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## ***More Gracious Leadership Principles and Practices***

According to Eric Law, “gracious leadership is the ability to use skills, tools, models, and processes to create gracious environments (Grace Margin) within which mutually respectful “relationships” and the discernment of the “truth” across differences.”

*“Leadership for this context is making a difference in the lives of people around you in a productive way. Leadership is both inspiration and perspiration.”*

***Psalms 52:8-9*** “But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God: I trust in the mercy of God for ever and ever. I will praise thee forever, because thou hast done it: and I will wait on thy name; for it is good before thy saints.”

***Psalms 52:1-7*** “Why do you boast of evil, you mighty hero? Why do you boast all day long, you who are a disgrace in the eyes of God? You who practice deceit, your tongue plots destruction; it is like a sharpened razor. You love evil rather than good, falsehood rather than speaking the truth. You love every harmful word, your deceitful tongue! Surely God will bring you down to everlasting ruin: He will snatch you up and pluck you from your tent; he will uproot you from the land of the living. The righteous will see and fear; they will laugh at you, saying, “Here now is the man who did not make God his stronghold but trusted in his great wealth and grew strong by destroying others!”

- The Character of the tree-bearing fruit
- The Confidence of the tree-will not be plucked up
- The Continuance of the tree-perseverance is significant

I enjoy olives, to extend the metaphor the olive tree is the basis for creating olive oil.

***Poem By Hugh Prather titles Notes to Myself:***

*I will be what I will-but I am now what I am, and here is where I will spend my energy. I need all my energy to be what I am today. Today I will work in rhythm with myself and not with what I "should be." And to work in rhythm with myself I must keep tuned into myself.*