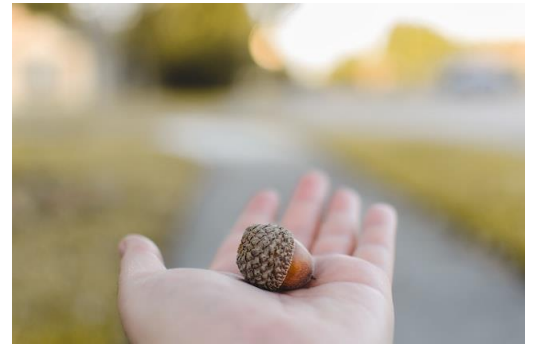


Mighty Oaks & Little Acorns

As I was walking around the lake with my dog, I noticed acorns on the ground. I picked one up. I remembered I had a good children's book about the acorn, written by Max Lucado, called, *The Oak Inside the Acorn*. The story highlights the adventure of a sweet little acorn becoming a big, strong oak tree. The reader follows with wonder as the tree grows up and eventually learns his very special purpose in life. His mother's words came back to him on many occasions, *"Within you is a great oak, Little Acorn. Just be the tree God made you to be."*



As I re-read the book, however, I looked at life from the Big Mama Oak's perspective. She's losing her little acorns because they've all grown up and left home. Below are some additional insights worth sharing with you, my Big *Senior Oaks*, reading this devotional:

- Letting go and saying good-bye never seems to get easier.
- All of us, no matter our age, has unique gifts and purpose throughout life.
- Life is a journey, and God has a plan for us through each season.
- It takes time to grow into all God has created us to be.
- As Big Oaks, we still have purpose and contribute to the well-being of others.
- Our words matter. Encourage others to be what God is making them to be.
- Our roots are what keep us strong and mighty as a Big Oak. Keep them well-watered and nourished in God's Word.

Animals and birds stock up on acorns during the autumn months to build up their fat layers to carry them through winter. As Big Oaks, let's make sure we stock up on God's Word to sustain us through the winter seasons of our lives, too.

You have been gifted an acorn from my morning walks to remind you of your blessed and holy calling of being a Big Oak in your family and in the lives of those around you.

