

THE ROOTED CAREGIVER'S Grounding Guide



*Finding Peace and Presence in the
Middle of the Mess*

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Introduction

Dear Caregiver,

If you're reading this, you are carrying a lot. You're tending to someone's needs, often before your own.

Some days feel steady; others feel like you're trying to hold the world together with frayed threads.

I want you to know — you're not alone. God sees you. He hears you. And He promises to be your refuge and strength, "an ever-present help in trouble" (Psalm 46:1).

This guide is your quick, go-to toolkit for grounding yourself in those moments when the overwhelm creeps in.

It's short. Simple. And it's here for you, right where you are.

"You may tire, but God's strength never does. In every act of care, you are His hands and heart — seen, valued, and deeply loved."

01 Pause & Plant Your Feet

When the chaos swirls, your first step is to pause.

- Sit or stand tall.
- Place your feet flat on the floor.
- Feel the ground beneath you — sturdy, unshaken.

Breath Prayer:

Inhale: “Lord, You are my strength.”

Exhale: “I rest in You.”

Scripture to Anchor You:

“Be still, and know that I am God.” — Psalm 46:10



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Name What's True Right Now



Faith Reflection:

Even here, God is present. He's in the small, ordinary details — steadyng you in every breath.

Your mind may race to what's next, what went wrong, or what might happen.

Come back to this moment by naming 3 things you can see, 2 things you can hear, and 1 thing you can feel.

Example:

- I see the sunlight on the wall.
- I hear the hum of the fridge.
- I feel the warmth of my sweater.



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Release the Weight You're Carrying

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Scripture to Anchor You:

*“Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you.” — 1
Peter 5:7*

Close your eyes. Imagine handing every burden — every fear, every to-do, every unknown — to God.

Visualize Him taking them from your hands and holding them with care.

04 Speak Life Over Yourself

Caregiving often comes with self-doubt, guilt, and exhaustion.

Speak truth over yourself:

- I am doing the best I can.
- God is with me in this moment.
- I am loved, seen, and held by Him.

Faith Reflection: You are not defined by your productivity, but by your identity as God's beloved child.



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Create a Grounding Ritual



Faith Reflection:

“In the stillness, I find strength. With each breath, I’m renewed. Rooted in God’s peace, I carry on with grace.”

Choose one small action you can return to daily — a “root” that keeps you steady:

- Lighting a candle and praying for 1 minute.
- Stepping outside to feel the air on your face.
- Listening to one worship song before bed.

Let this be your “reset button” when your spirit feels frayed.

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*Friend, you were not meant to carry this alone.
God's strength is perfect in your weakness. Let Him
be your firm foundation, your unshakable ground.*

*When the days feel heavy, come back to these steps.
Let them root you again in His presence and His
peace.*

You are loved. You are seen. You are rooted.

– The Rooted Caregiver Team



Additional Resources



Faith-Based Support

- Christian Caregivers Network – Online prayer and support groups
- Faithful Caregivers Devotional – Daily encouragement for caregivers

Practical Caregiving Help

- AARP Caregiving Resource Center – Guides, checklists, and tools
- Family Caregiver Alliance – Support and education for family caregivers

Mental & Emotional Health

- Hope for the Heart – Biblical counseling resources
- Focus on the Family Counseling – Free counseling consultations

Conclusion and Next Steps

You are doing an incredible, sacred work, even when it feels exhausting or unseen. Remember, caregiving is not about perfection; it's about presence, love, and grace. When you take moments to pause, breathe, and ground yourself, you're not just refilling your own cup — you're strengthening your ability to care with compassion and resilience.



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Above all, remember: you are deeply loved, never alone, and your faith is your steady foundation. Keep rooting yourself in that truth, and keep walking your caregiving journey with hope and grace.



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