

## THE WEEKLY WORD

**Word:** AROMA

**Key Verses:** 2 Corinthians 2:14-15

*“But thanks be to God, who always leads us as captives in Christ’s triumphal procession and uses us to spread the aroma of the knowledge of Him everywhere. For we are to God the pleasing aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing.”*

### **Commentary:**

Whenever the Roman army won a major battle, they would celebrate with a parade where the victorious general led the procession. Part of the celebration was burning incense on the altars, which was a sweet fragrance that permeated throughout the whole city. When the people smelled the sweet aroma of the incense, they knew that victory had come to the Romans! Just as the incense represented victory for the Romans, our lives, as Christians, should be the aroma of victory that Christ brings to His children over sin and death through His death and resurrection. When unbelievers smell the fragrance of our lives, they should know that there is something good and different about that aroma. Our aroma should draw them to the source where the fragrance comes from, which is God. The more time we spend with Him, learning who He is and what He desires from us, the stronger the aroma will be. We should carry the aroma of Christ with us no matter where we go. Our lifelong goal should be to spread this aroma to both believers and unbelievers, and to make our lives a fragrant offering, holy and pleasing to God.

### **Challenge:**

Take a quiet minute to examine your life. Is your life permeating the sweet aroma of Christ to others? Is there an attitude or habit that is causing a foul fragrance to be spread? How can you do a better job of spreading the sweet aroma of Christ to others?

### **Prayer:**

Father, help my life to permeate the sweet aroma of Christ wherever I go. If there is anything that is causing the aroma to not be sweet, show it to me and help make the aroma sweet again.

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