

ROOTED

K N O W I N G W H O W E A R E

January 7 | Where We Have Been

It is important to know your _____

- Where you have _____
- Where you are _____
- Where you are _____

Paul's prayer for the _____ in Ephesus

*For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom his whole family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of His glorious riches He may strengthen you with power through His Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge – that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. **Ephesians 3:14-19***

- The Church is the _____ of God united under the love of our _____.
- Paul prays the Church would know their _____.
- The Church is to be "rooted and established" in _____.
- In the Church and in our lives, "Love surpasses _____."

We are all a part of a _____ Story as God's Church today

Our call, individually and as His church, is to grow deep roots in Christ.

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- The roots impact the _____
- Most people spend more time on the _____ than the inward.
- But, it is the _____ (character and integrity) that impacts the outward.

Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers. But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on His law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers.

Psalm 1:1-3

_____ **Story,** _____ **Story,** _____ **Story**

- As Christ followers, we are a part of God's greater story in the _____.
- God still works through the local church. From " _____ " to " _____ ".
- And, we all have an individual story of His love and grace in our lives.

_____ **happen when we are rooted in Christ and grow deeper in love**

Remain in Me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in Me.

– Jesus, John 15:4

What has God done in your life? What are your spiritual roots and markers?

Taking It Home

Significant events, like birthdays and anniversaries, afford us a great opportunity to look back at what God has done, evaluate where we are today and look forward to what God will do in the future. As we celebrate our 15th Anniversary as a church

here at Rolling Hills, this is a great time to see God's greater story in our lives together as well as individually. During this series, I encourage you to look back and praise God for what He has done and to evaluate where you are spiritually today. Is there a "Next Step" our God is calling you to take in your spiritually journey? Are you growing deeper in Christ? God has a great plan for your life. He has been faithful in the past, and He is still writing a greater story in you. Focus on Him and grow deep roots in Christ.

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