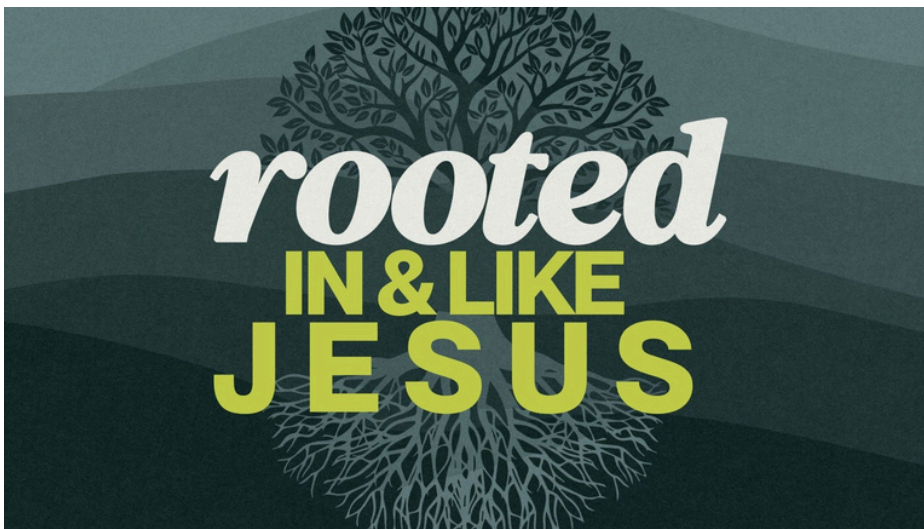




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Rooted In & Like Jesus

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But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name.

John 20:31 NIV

If you believe Jesus is who He says He is, then you will have life as always intended.

Believe = *Pisteuō*, to believe; to have faith in, to entrust, to commit to

Life = *Zōē*, life; the eternal life of God, the eternal source of life

This Is the Life We Were Always Supposed to Live

Before the Passover celebration, Jesus knew that his hour had come to leave this world and return to his Father. He had loved his disciples during his ministry on earth, and now he loved them to the very end. It was time for supper, and the devil had already prompted Judas, son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus.

Jesus knew that the Father had given him authority over everything and that he had come from God and would return to God. So he got up from the table, took off his robe, wrapped a towel around his waist, and poured water into a basin. Then he began to wash the disciples' feet, drying them with the towel he had around him. When Jesus came to Simon Peter, Peter said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus replied, "You don't understand now what I am doing, but someday you will." "No," Peter protested, "you will never ever wash my feet!" Jesus replied, "Unless I wash you, you won't belong to me." Simon Peter exclaimed, "Then wash my hands and head as well, Lord, not just my feet!" Jesus replied, "A person who has bathed all over does not need to wash, except for the feet, to be entirely clean. And you disciples are clean, but not all of you." For Jesus knew who would betray him. That is what he meant when he said, "Not all of you are clean." After washing their feet, he put on his robe again and sat down and asked, "Do you understand what I was doing? You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and you are right, because that's what I am. And since I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash each other's feet. I have given you an example to follow. Do as I have done to you. I tell you the truth, slaves are not greater than their master. Nor is the messenger more important than the one who sends the message. Now that you know these things, God will bless you for doing them."

John 13:1-17 NLT

Two Things to Learn from Jesus Here:

- The Example
- The Significance

The Example

Serving and meeting the practical needs of others should apply to strangers and the people closest to you.

We would rather do "projects" than become people of love.

Becoming a person of love takes time; the work is hidden and it hurts.

Disciples of Jesus, let's not be like the disciples at the Passover dinner.

“You call me ‘Teacher’ and ‘Lord,’ and you are right, because that’s what I am.”
John 13:13 NLT

It Starts at Home

Homework: Find someone in your close community and serve them this week

The Spiritual Significance

“No,” Peter protested, “you will never ever wash my feet!” Jesus replied, “Unless I wash you, you won’t belong to me.”
John 13:8 NLT

The Washing of feet is also symbolic to the cleansing of the Blood of Jesus

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin. If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:7-9 NIV

So Christ has now become the High Priest over all the good things that have come. He has entered that greater, more perfect Tabernacle in heaven, which was not made by human hands and is not part of this created world. With his own blood—not the blood of goats and calves—he entered the Most Holy Place once for all time and secured our redemption forever. Under the old system, the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer could cleanse people’s bodies from ceremonial impurity. Just think how much more the blood of Christ will purify our consciences from sinful deeds so that we can worship the living God. For by the power of the eternal Spirit, Christ offered himself to God as a perfect sacrifice for our sins.

Hebrews 9:11-14 NLT

In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death even death on a cross!

Philippians 2:5-8 NIV

“I baptize with water, but among you stands one you do not know, 27 even he who comes after me, the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie.”

John 1:26-27 ESV

Jesus Brings the Holy to the Dirty Things

Jesus Offers a Cleansing Called Grace

Do you know how deep God's grace is?

Do you believe in God's grace?

Ask yourself if you are:

- Trying to earn what can only be received from God?
- Serving out of guilt instead of love?
- Refusing to admit how deeply we need cleansing?
- Holding on to shame after Jesus has offered forgiveness?
- Living under condemnation instead of freedom?
- Trusting your own effort more than Christ's finished work?
- Staying busy for God without ever resting in His grace?