

# ***DEEP ROOTS***



The storm is gone, and so is the forest.

Only three trees are left standing.

How did they survive?

**Their roots went deep.**

*....that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have power to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge.*

*Ephesians 3:17-19*

To be rooted and grounded in love is to be rooted and grounded in God—

**—via the True Vine.**

*“If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you will, and it will be done for you. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.”*

*John 15:7-8*

The Vine is rooted in the earth, and the branch is rooted in the Vine. If the branch is truly rooted in the Vine everything else will take care of itself.

**To be rooted in the Vine is to be immersed in his words.**

Immersed to the point where his words... color, control, cleanse, and confirm everything we do. This can happen only through constant exposure to his words.



**And constant obedience.**

If Jesus is my Lord, and I am his servant,

I check in with him daily.

I pick up my cross daily.

I carry out his orders daily.

I thank God for him daily.

Until I am so rooted and grounded in the Vine that no storm can tear me loose.

**And now my branch begins to bear fruit.**

***“If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you will, and it will be done for you. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be my disciples.”***



*Prayer: Lord, give us deep roots. Roots that are so immersed in you that everything we do is colored by you. Roots that can truly comprehend and absorb the depth, width, height, and length of your love. Roots that are so deep and grounded in you that we can survive any storm. Roots that are so moved by your love that somehow we are able to glorify you and that we prove to be your disciples and bear fruit. Amen.*

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