

MID WEEK MESSAGE NOTES AND INTERACTIVE PDF

Rooted & Grounded in Love

The Father's love gives us deep roots that withstand offense, empower complete forgiveness, and transform the way we love one another in the body of Christ.

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NOTES

Truth to carry into the week.

01 Put your roots down in the Father's love until His love becomes your security.

- The Father proved His love by sending His Son so we could live through Him. ([1 John 4:9-10](#))
- God loves each believer with the same love He has for Jesus, giving us a secure identity as His children. ([John 17:23](#); [1 John 3:1](#))
- Roots sunk deeply into love draw strength for correction, healing, endurance, and every part of life with God. ([Ephesians 3:17-19](#))

"There is nothing that we need that is outside of God and the love of God."

STUDY [Ephesians 3:17-19](#); [John 17:23](#); [1 John 3:1](#); [1 John 4:9-10](#)

02 Offense must be exposed and humbled before it separates us from God and His people.

- Offense bends our view until every situation feels personal, feeding self-focus and pride rather than love. ([Proverbs 4:23](#))

- Humility brings hidden hurt into the light, removes excuses, and lets God search and cleanse the heart. ([Psalm 139:23-24](#); [James 4:6-10](#))
- Nothing outside us can separate us from God's love in Christ, so hurt and disappointment do not have to move our roots. ([Romans 8:37-39](#))

“Deal with your junk, even if it's ugly.”

STUDY [Psalm 139:23-24](#); [Proverbs 4:23](#); [Romans 8:37-39](#); [James 4:6-10](#)

03 Forgive with the same mercy and completeness that Christ has shown you.

- Recognizing how completely God has forgiven us frees us to love people who seem undeserving. ([Luke 7:47](#))
- The servant who received mercy but withheld it shows the contradiction of accepting forgiveness while demanding payment from another. ([Matthew 18:23-35](#))
- Christ's forgiveness is the measure: forgive one another without preserving the offense as leverage. ([Colossians 3:12-13](#); [Psalm 103:12](#))

“It's this same forgiveness that we get to enjoy and that we experience from God that we have to afford to one another.”

STUDY [Psalm 103:12](#); [Matthew 18:23-35](#); [Luke 7:47](#); [Colossians 3:12-13](#)

04 Love transforms the heart; religion can only manage outward behavior.

- The goal of Christian instruction is love flowing from a sincere heart, a good conscience, and genuine faith. ([1 Timothy 1:5](#))
- The Spirit and the Word change our desires instead of teaching us to manage outward behavior. ([Romans 12:2](#))
- A transformed heart becomes visible through repentance, mercy, forgiveness, and sincere love. ([John 13:34-35](#))

“I'm not interested in religious behavior modification, but in heart transformation.”

STUDY [John 13:34-35](#); [Romans 12:2](#); [1 Timothy 1:5](#)

05 The church grows strong when every member brings their supply and chooses love for the long road.

- God joins and knits the body together through what every member supplies; our presence and faithfulness matter. ([Ephesians 4:15-16](#))

- Gathering gives us an opportunity to provoke one another toward love and good works. ([Hebrews 10:24-25](#))
- Love covers sin rather than exposing it for gossip, preserving unity as we grow toward Christ. ([1 Peter 4:8](#))

“The more that we can love God and be loved by God, the more we can love each other and be loved by each other.”

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Will love be your deepest root?

Where do you need to receive the Father's love as your security instead of measuring His love by circumstances?

Has an offense been shaping how you see a person, your church family, or God? What would humility look like now?

Whom do you need to forgive with the same mercy and completeness Christ has shown you?

What supply has God placed in you that your church family needs you to bring faithfully?
