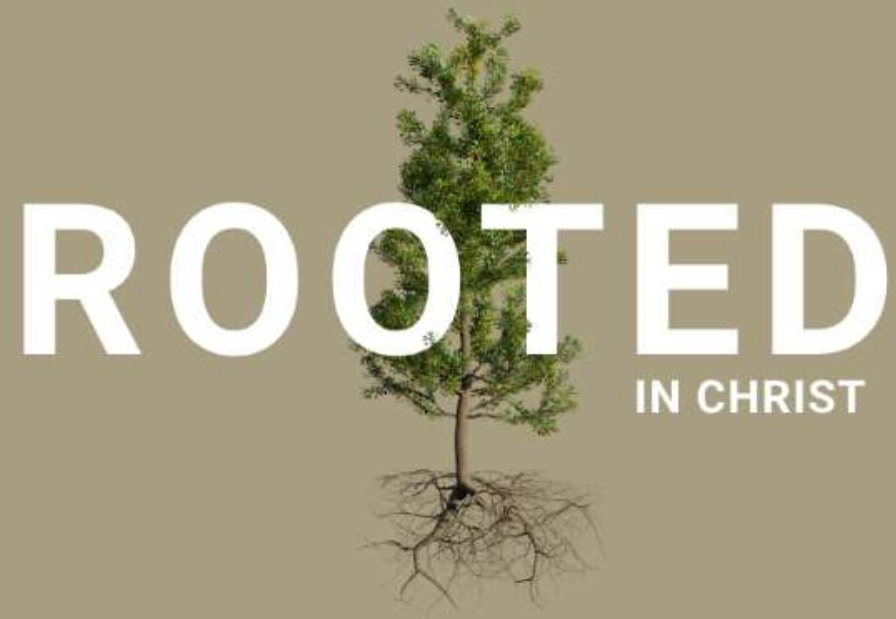




Secrets of Success (Servant-Leadership)

Colossians 1:24-29

Books on Effective Leadership ROOTED IN CHRIST

- “Where Have All the Leaders Gone?”—Lee Iacocca
- “Thriving on Chaos”—Tom Peters
- “The Road Ahead”—Bill Gates
- “Good to Great”—Jim Collins
- Books by: John Maxwell, C. Peter Wagner, Kennon Callahan, Patrick Lincoln, etc.
- **The Best of All—The Bible**

Colossians 1:24-27

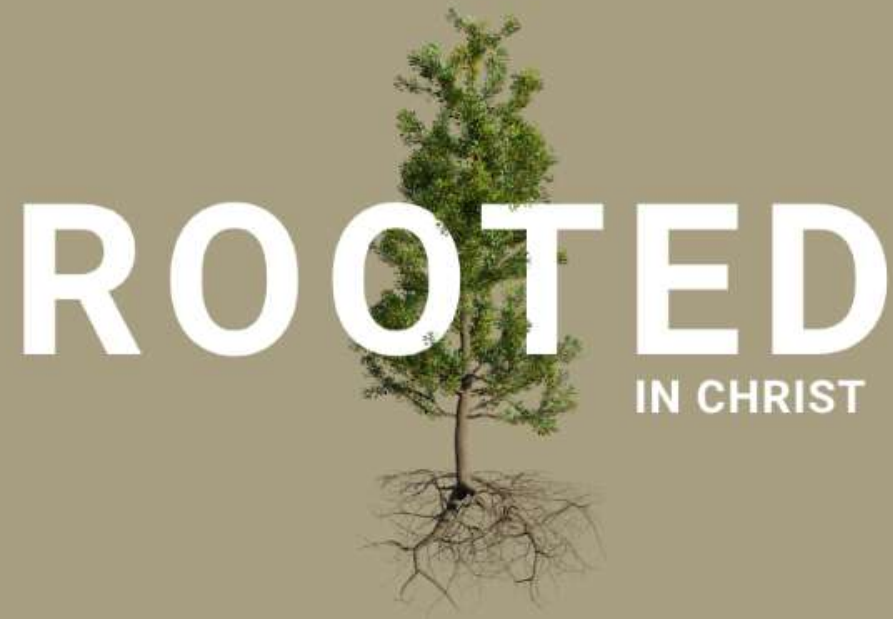
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IN CHRIST

“Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ’s afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church, of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. To them God chose ...”

Colossians 1:27-29

ROOTED
IN CHRIST

“to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.” (ESV)



Servant-Leaders ...

Are Willing to
Pay the Price

“Now I rejoice in my
sufferings for your
sake, and in my flesh I
am filling up what is
lacking in Christ’s
afflictions” (24)

2 Corinthians 11:23-26

ROOTED
IN CHRIST

“With far greater labors, far more imprisonments, with countless beatings, and often near death. Five times I received at the hands of the Jews the forty lashes less one. Three times I was beaten with rods. Once I was stoned. Three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I was adrift at sea; on frequent journeys, in danger from rivers ... from robbers, from my own people ... from ...”

2 Corinthians 11:26-28

ROOTED
IN CHRIST

“Gentiles ... in the city... in the wilderness ... at sea ... from false brothers; in toil and hardship, through many a sleepless night, in hunger and thirst, often without food, in cold and exposure. And, apart from other things, there is the daily pressure on me of my anxiety for all the churches.” (ESV)

Paul's Suffering

ROOTED
IN CHRIST

- **Overwhelming physical suffering**
 - Imprisoned, countless beatings, stoned, exhausted, exposed to the elements, left for dead
- **Antagonism from outside the church**
 - Lies, attacks, innuendo, criticism
- **Attacks from within the church**
 - Devalued, lies, attacks, criticism
- **The heartbreak of sharing people's pain**

John 15:20

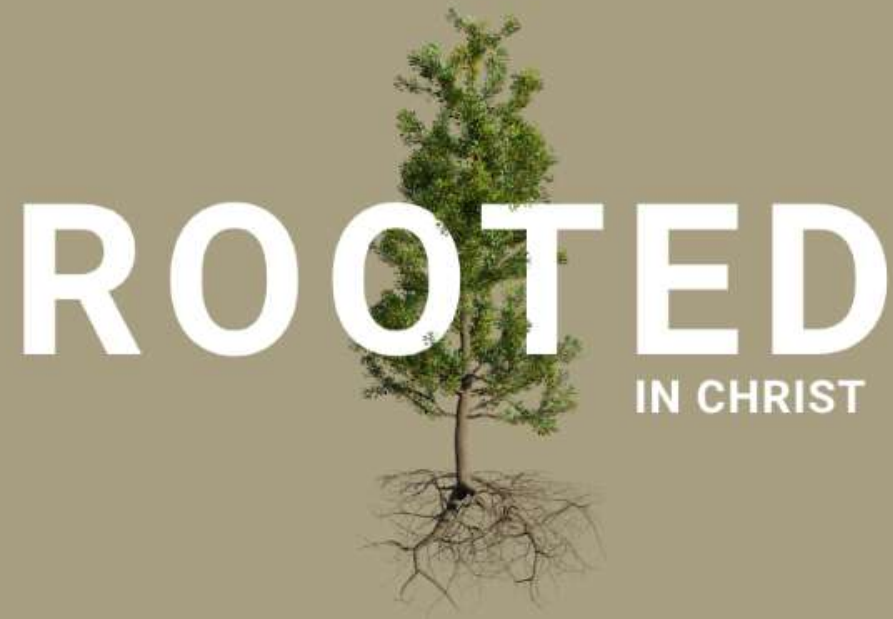
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“Remember ... If they persecuted me, they will
also persecute you.” (ESV)

Longevity of Ministry

ROOTED
IN CHRIST

- Brian, Adrian, Jakob, Courtney, Johnnie, Todd, Jason, Rich, Grant, Aric, Kevin, Jim, Bruce, Russell, Joyce, Derek, Matt, Taylor, Ryan, Kristen, Gabe, Chris, (to name a few).
- All of our staff and their spouses have sacrificed greatly to be in ministry.
- Countless volunteers have served tirelessly in ministry over the years.



Servant-Leaders ...

Have a Ministry Mentality

“For the sake of his
body, that is the
church, of which I
became a minister”

(24-25)

Minister (*diakonos*)

ROOTED
IN CHRIST

- Servant, waiter, helper of people, one who renders service.
- Word from which we derive “deacon”

Mark 10:45

ROOTED
IN CHRIST

“For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” (ESV)

Matthew 20:25-26

ROOTED
IN CHRIST

“You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them ... It shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant” (ESV)

Worldly vs Christian Leadership

ROOTED
IN CHRIST

- | | |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| • Power | • Compassion |
| • Influence | • Humility |
| • Leverage | • Gentleness |
| • Make things happen | • Generosity |
| • No nonsense | • Patience |
| • No regrets | • Servanthood |
| • Top down—you serve me | • Bottom up—I serve others |

Paul's example. He was ...

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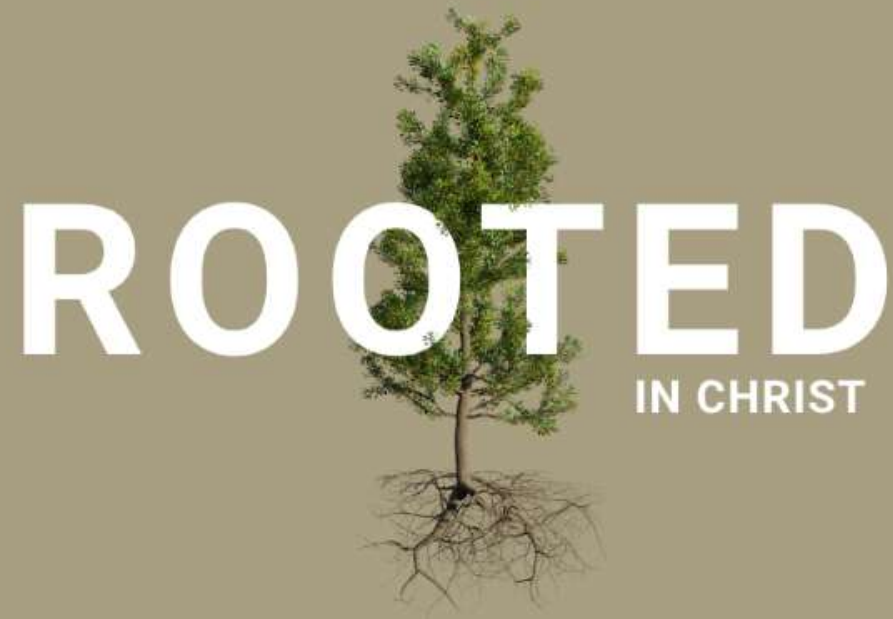
- A servant of God (commissioned by God)
- A servant of the Church (God's kingdom)
- A servant of God's Word

Paul's Purpose

ROOTED
IN CHRIST

“To make the word of God fully known” (1:25)

- Fullness (*plēroō*)—complete, to the full measure



Servant-Leaders ...

See the Big Picture

“Him we proclaim,
warning everyone and
teaching everyone with
all wisdom that we
may present everyone
mature in Christ” (28)

Philippians 1:18

ROOTED
IN CHRIST

“What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed, and in that I rejoice.” (ESV)

The Big Picture

ROOTED
IN CHRIST

“There are many things the world can do as well as the church (entertain, sing, counsel, draw crowds, build buildings), but there is one thing the church can do that the world cannot ... we can extend grace.” —Gordon MacDonald

Colossians 1:25-27

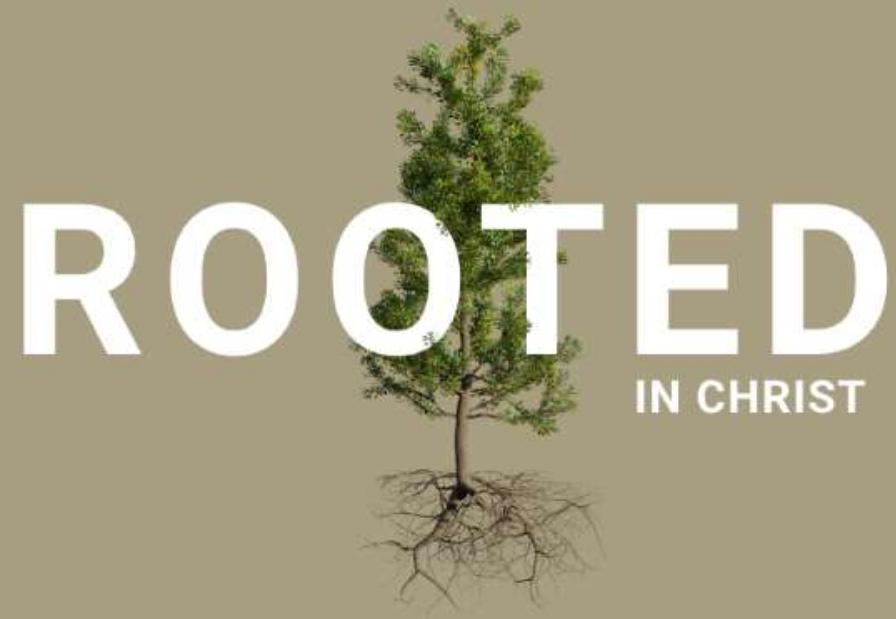
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“To make the word of God fully known, the
mystery hidden for ages and generations but
now revealed to his saints ... Which is Christ
in you, the hope of glory.” (ESV)

A New Approach Needed

ROOTED
IN CHRIST

- Be less concerned with “what I get out of it,” and more concerned with “what I should put into it.”
- Have more patience and understanding—it’s not about what I want, it’s about what Christ wants.
- Be less concerned with our rights and more concerned with our responsibilities.
- To hear less “me, my, mine” and more “reach, teach, equip, & send.”



Servant-Leaders ...

Know the Source of Strength

“For this I toil,
struggling with all his
energy that he
powerfully works
within me” (29)

Struggling (*agōnizomai*)

ROOTED
IN CHRIST

- To become tired—mental, physical, and emotional exertion
- Word from which we get “agonize”

Working Hard

ROOTED
IN CHRIST

- “I worked harder than all of them”
(1 Cor 15:10)
- “Greet Mary, who worked hard for you!”
(Rom 16:6)
- “Greet those workers in the Lord ... who have worked hard”
(Rom 16:12)
- “Respect those who labor among you”
(1 Thes 5:12)

Colossians 1:29

ROOTED
IN CHRIST

“For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.” (ESV)

- **Energy** (*energeia*)—operative power, supernatural working
- **Powerfully** (*dynamis*)—power, might, strength

Charles Spurgeon

ROOTED
IN CHRIST

“We need to remember that the best of men are men at best.”

Philippians 4:13

ROOTED
IN CHRIST

“I can do all things through him who
strengthens me.”

(ESV)

Our Goal

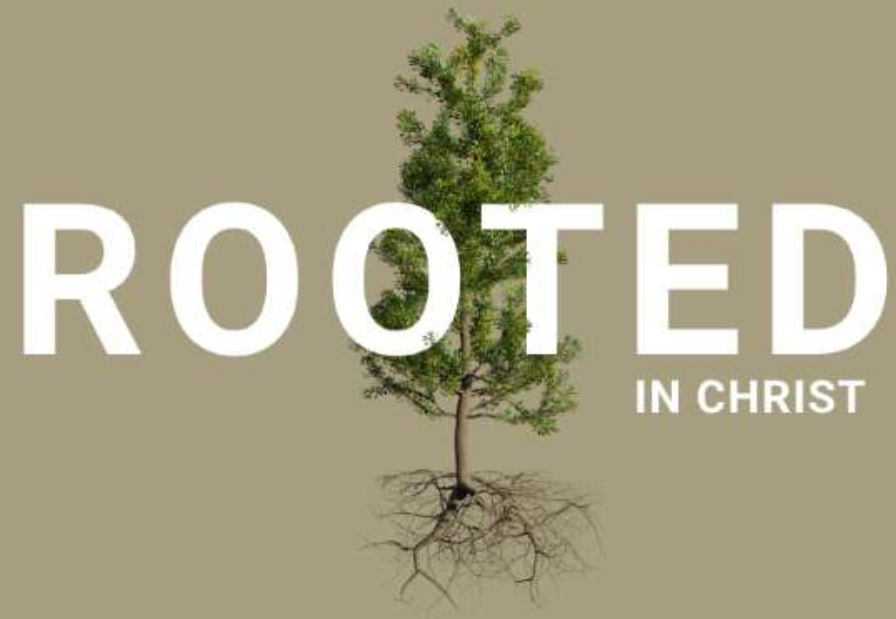
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We need to strive to be mature in Jesus Christ, by working hard, serving others, seeing the big picture, and relying on the power that is available in Jesus Christ.

Contrast of Leadership Styles

ROOTED
IN CHRIST

- Dictate & Power
- Emphasize profit
- Only the strong survive
- Spotlights personal rights
- Intimidation & power
- Cowboy
- Serving
- Emphasize people
- The strong have the most to give
- Spotlights personal responsibility
- Works through love
- Shepherd



Secrets of Success (Servant-Leadership)

Whatever it takes,
Lord.

Next steps

ROOTED
IN CHRIST

- I want to grow in maturity in Christ by_____.
- I will seek to rely on the strength that God provides.
- I am willing to follow Jesus no matter the cost or consequence.
- I will demonstrate a servant mentality by_____.