



ROOTED IN GOD WITH EVERYTHING

“as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith” – Col 2:6-7

A mature follower of Jesus has the whole of their life rooted in God. We are rooted in:

- **OUR IDENTITY**, defined only by who we are in God. We know what he says about us and it's more important than anything else.
- **THE BIBLE**, trusting God's word as our prime authority. We read it, listen to God's voice in it, and obey what he says through it.
- **HOLY HABITS**, building rhythms in our lives that connect us to God and let him shape us.



RELATING WITH GOD'S PEOPLE

“And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together” – Heb 10:24-25

A mature follower of Jesus knows they are not in this by themselves. We relate by:

- **BEING TOGETHER**, making sure we are with others in gathered worship, growing together.
- **COMMITTING TO EACH OTHER**, building real and honest relationships with one another to spur each other on and care for one another.
- **BEING ACCOUNTABLE**, making sure there are Christians in our lives who can keep us going forward in good directions.



RELIANT ON GOD FOR OUR ALL

“If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.”
– John 15:5

A mature follower of Jesus relies on God for every single thing. We are reliant on God:

- **THROUGH THE SPIRIT**, always being filled by the Holy Spirit, and growing in spiritual gifts and the fruit he bears in our lives.
- **IN PRAYER**, spending time bringing our all to him in gratitude and trust. We pray as a first response to everything.
- **FOR ALL WE NEED**, putting our ultimate trust in God, not any other means, for our needs.



REPRODUCING GOD'S LIFE IN OTHERS

“go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them ... and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you” – Matt 28:19-20

A mature follower of Jesus doesn't keep Jesus to themselves! We reproduce his life by:

- **SHARING JESUS**, telling people about him, to see others come to know him as well..
- **INVESTING IN OTHERS**, by giving ourselves to someone, mentoring and discipling them so that they can grow into maturity.
- **SERVING THE CHURCH**, playing our part and using what God has given us to help build up all of God's people.