
Christmas At Home - Rachel Schock

Roots | Ephesians 3.17-19 | December 6, 2020

"...your ROOTS will grow down into God's love and keep you strong. And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is..."

INTRO

- Christmas trees and traditions
- We may feel much more uprooted this year, but the truth of God's love remains, so we can change our narrative this Advent season.

ROOTED IN LOVE

- We are already rooted in Christ's love, are we living in this reality?
- Paul uses metaphors to emphasize depth and stability to explain our unseen stability is God's love.

KNOWING CHRIST'S LOVE

- We can know Christ's love in the chaos.
- There is nothing in this world that can separate us from His love (Romans 8:39).
- It is not by our efforts that we comprehend the vastness of His love.

CONCLUSION

- We must keep our eyes on where we are headed, just like Jesus, to put up with anything along the way (Hebrews 12:1-3 MSG)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What does it look like, personally, when you are rooted in Christ? What does it look like/feel like when you are uprooted, or counting on other things to keep you grounded?

2. What are you allowing to overwhelm you and cause you to lose sight of where you are headed?

3. Ephesians 3:17-18 are less about doing for God, and more about being with and reflecting on God. How does this sit with you?

There are no "action" steps after reading these verses, but they are powerful, nonetheless. Discuss how this allows for God to speak to our hearts this Christmas.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES (if applicable)