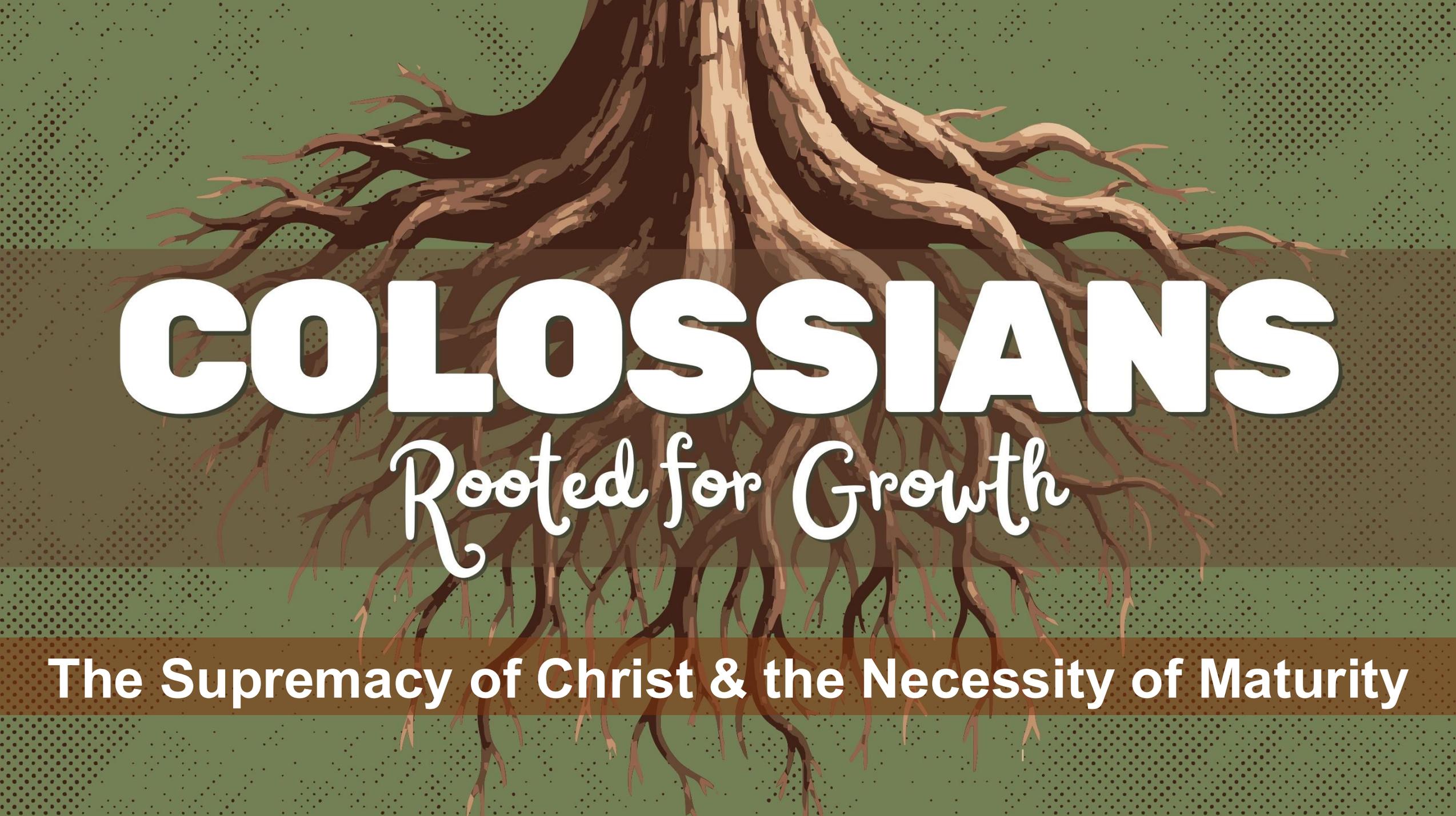


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The Supremacy of Christ & the Necessity of Maturity

Summary and Thread of the Message

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and His image:

Internally

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Interpersonally

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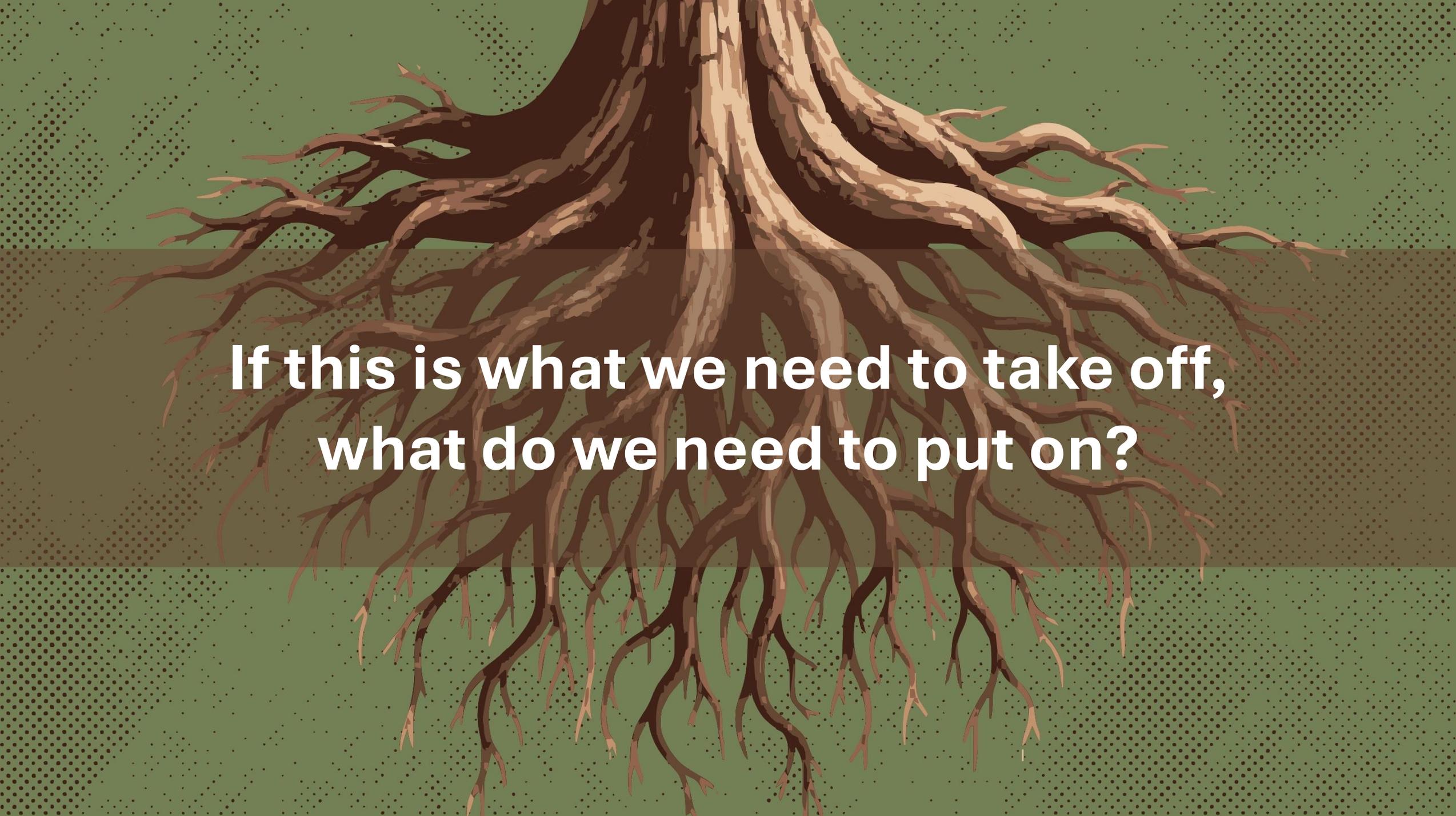
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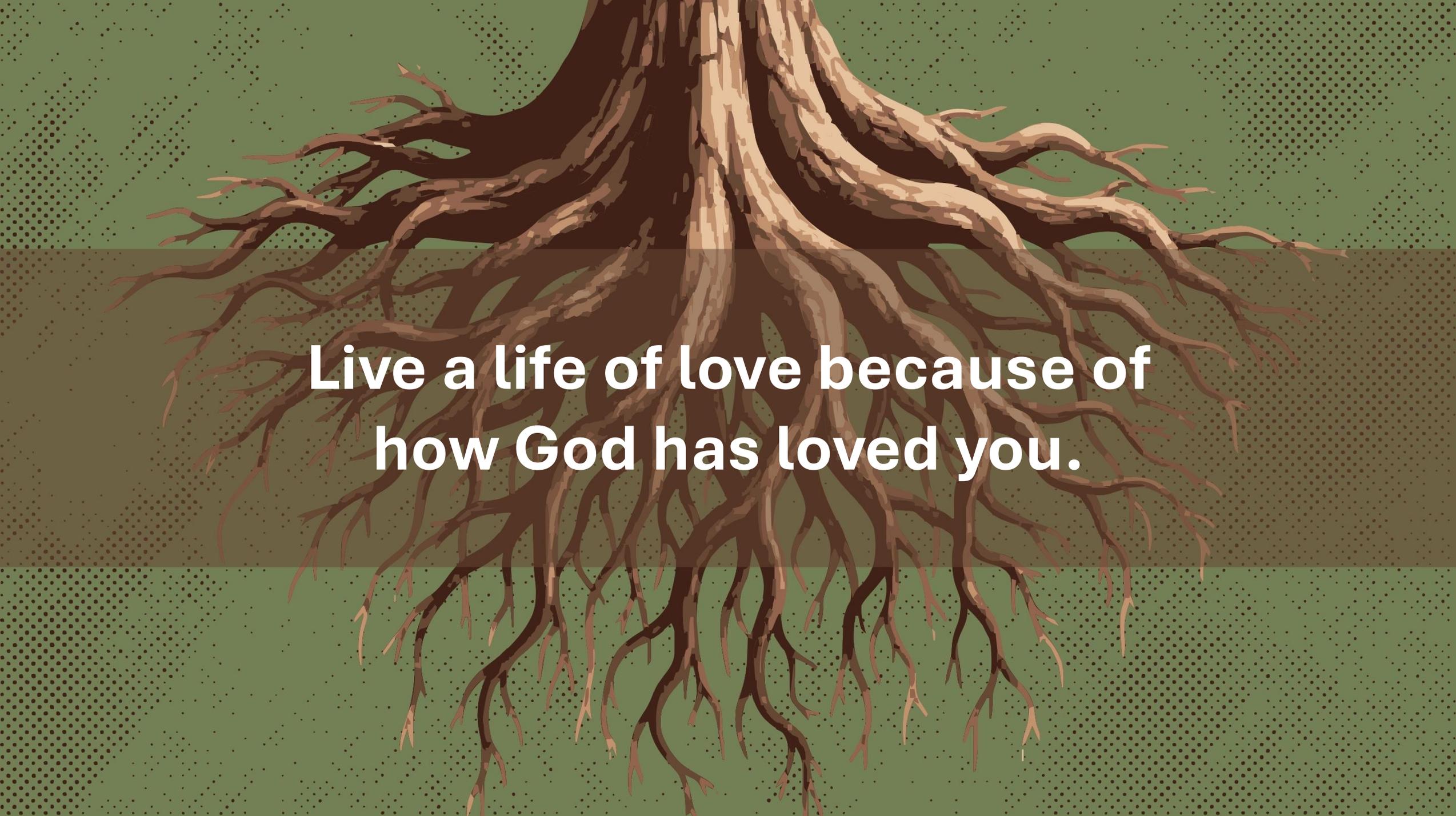
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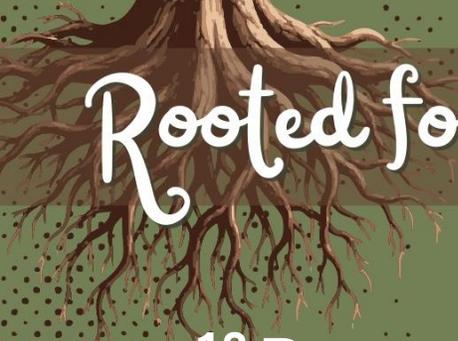
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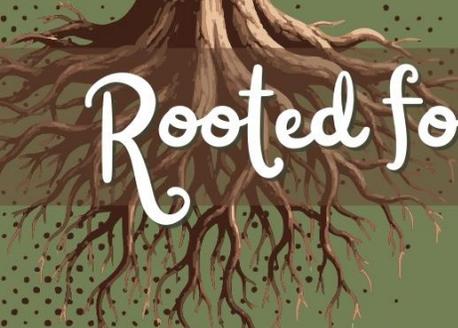
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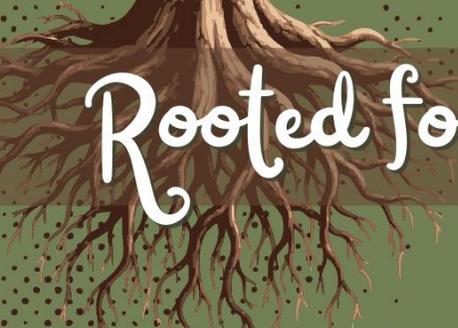
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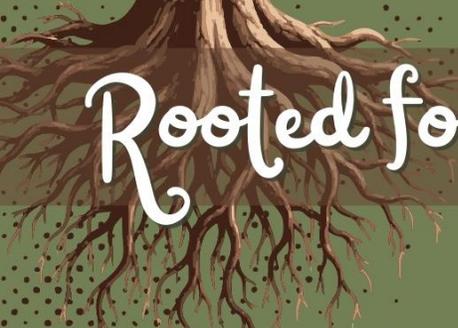
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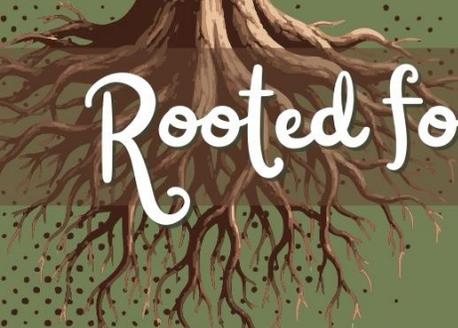
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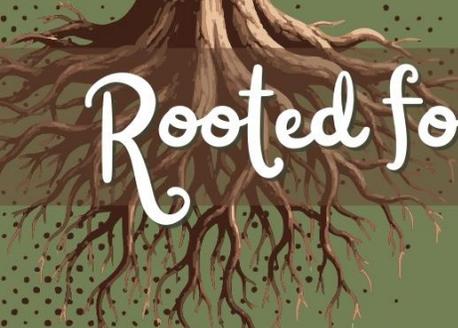


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“Gentle and lowly.” This, according to his own testimony, is Christ's very heart. This is who he is. Tender. Open. Welcoming. Accommodating. Understanding. Willing. If we are asked to say only one thing about who Jesus is, we would be honoring Jesus's own teaching if our answer is, gentle and lowly. If Jesus hosted his own personal website, the most prominent line of the “About Me” dropdown would read: Gentle and Lowly in Heart.

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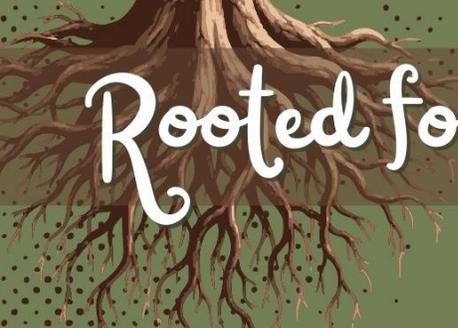
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Jesus is...Meek. Humble. Gentle. Jesus is not trigger-happy. Not harsh, reactionary, easily exasperated. He is the most understanding person in the universe. The posture most natural to him is not a pointed finger but open arms.

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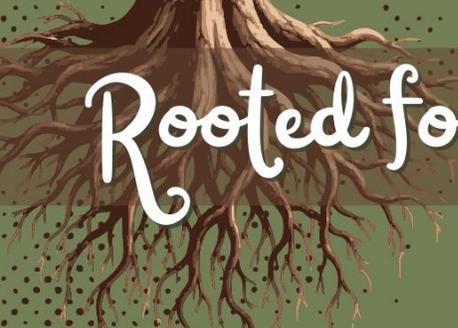


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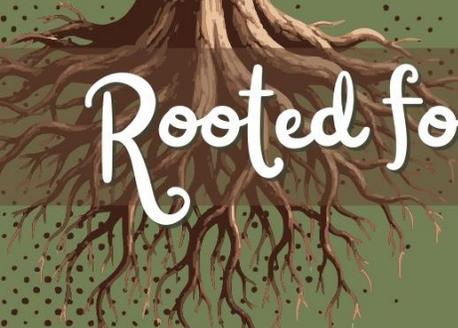
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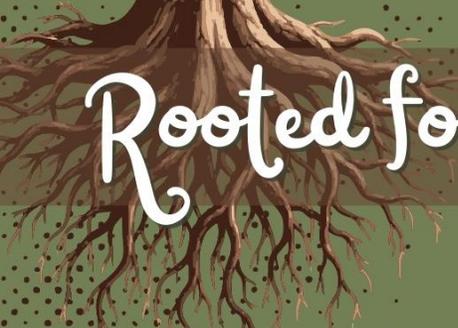
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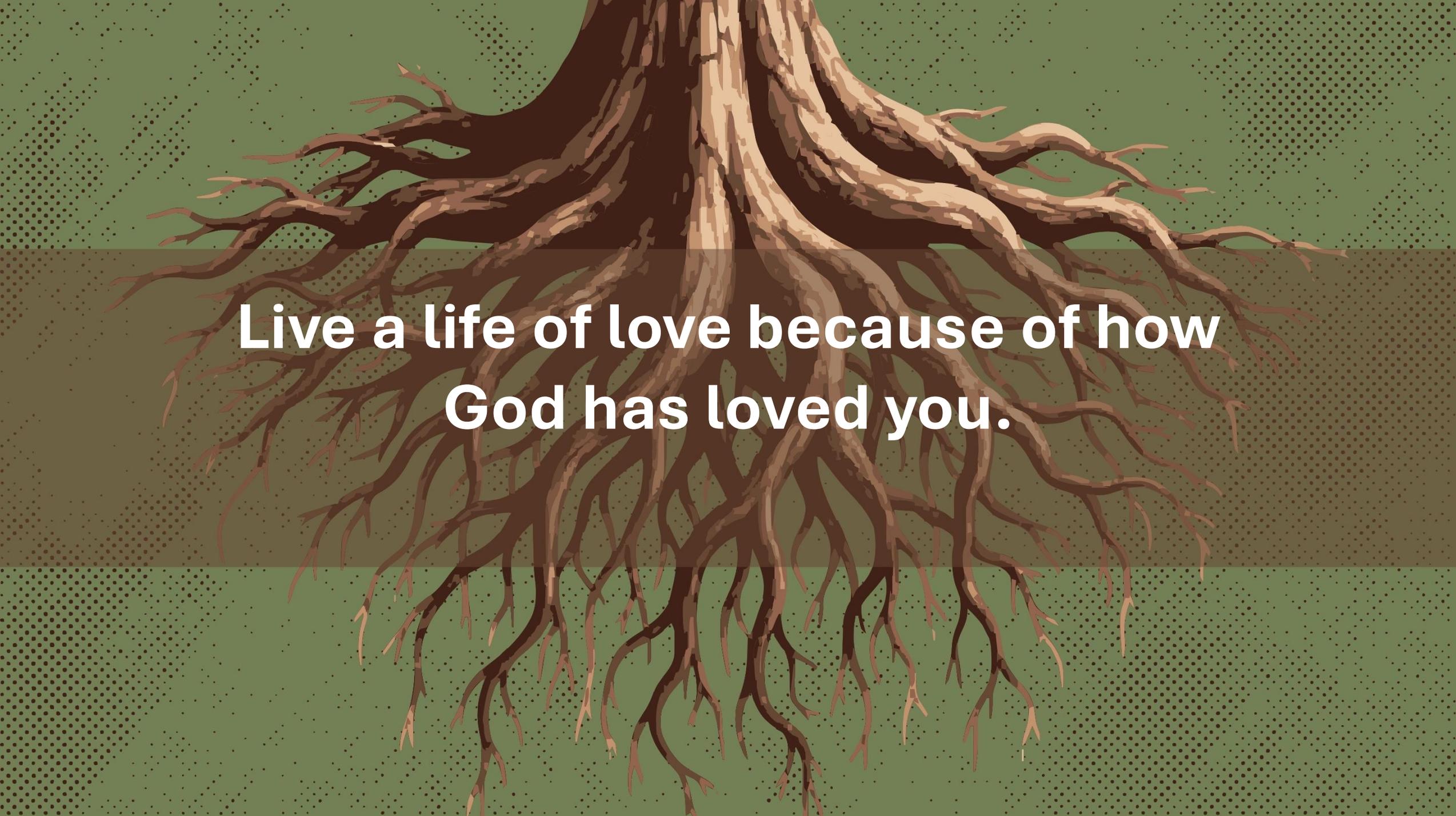
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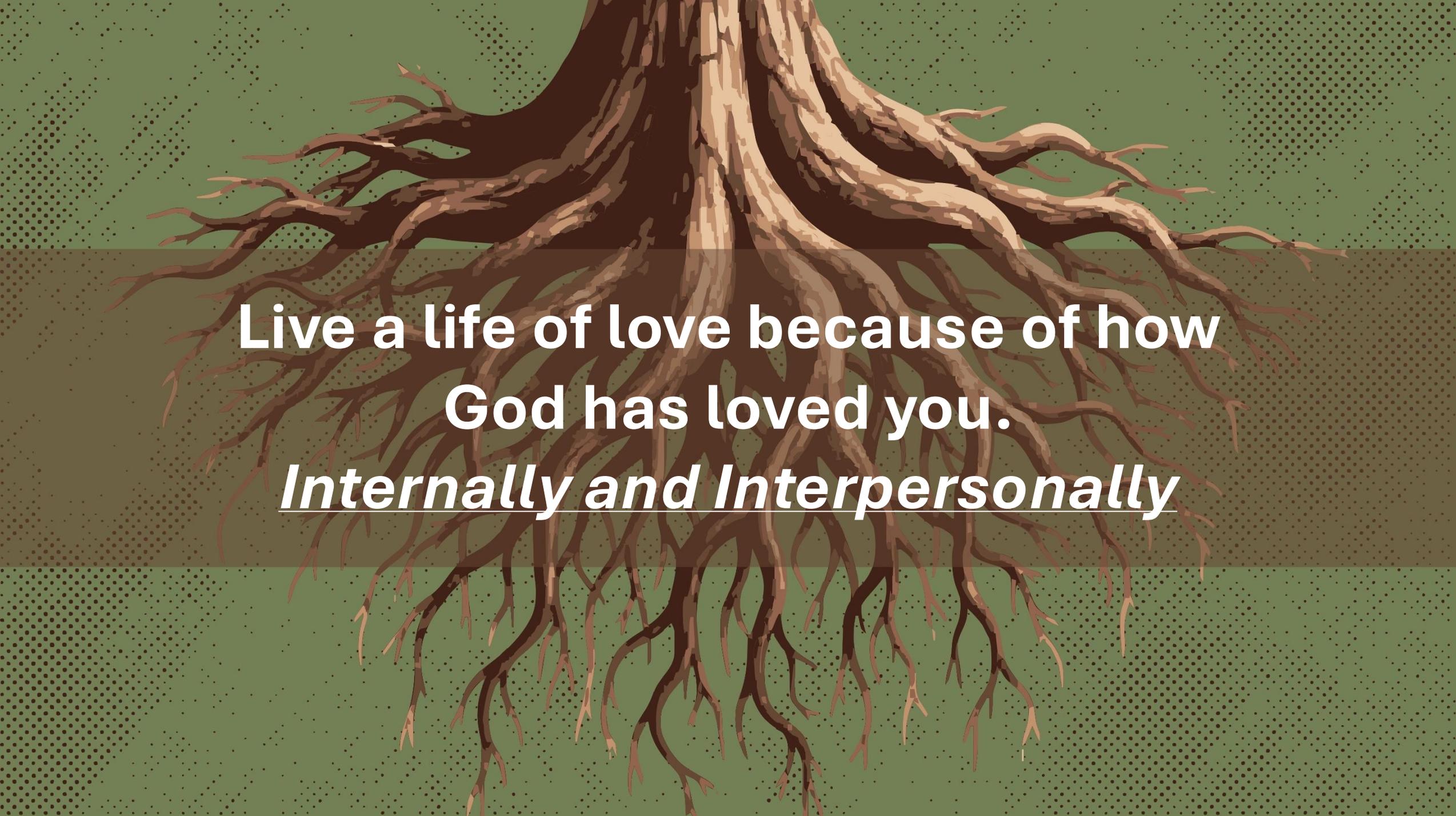
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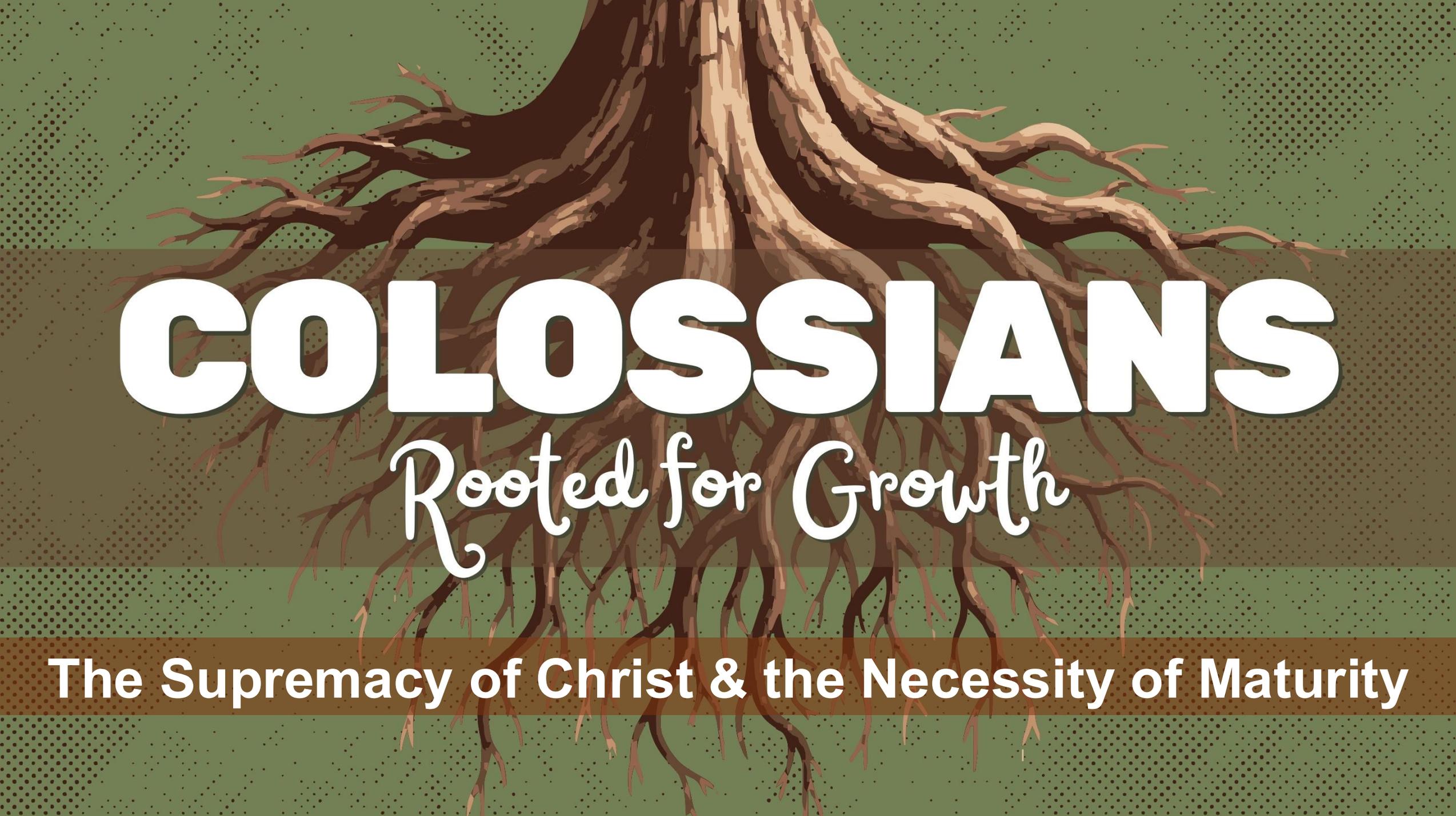
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