**Series: Rooted**

**Message: Love of God August 9, 2020**

Colossians 2:6-7 | Ephesians 3:14-19 | Genesis 3:8-11 | John 3: 16-17 1 John 4:7-18

Roots give us stability.

Roots nourish us.

**Love is the essence of God’s character.**

**Growing in the understanding of God’s love is transformational.**

**Barriers to growing:**

* Performance
* Comparison
* Judgement

The root of these barriers: fear. **Perfect love casts out all fear.**

**Trust is the fruit of knowing you are loved.**

**Real Life Prayer for 2020**

It is God’s will for us to have an intimate, personal, and dependent relationship with all of Him—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This year let us make it personal, a prayer of commitment and connection with God.

**Pause Prayers**

Read each of these simple statement prayers separately then pause, pray, listen, and respond:

 **“Abba, I belong to You.”**

 **“Come Lord Jesus.**

 **“I surrender to You.”**

 **“Holy Spirit set my love in order.”**

 **“I trust You.”**

 **“You are enough.”**

As we open ourselves to a new year and a new decade, ask God to bring a personal **revival\*** to you: body, mind, and spirit. As each of us fully embraces all that God has for us, He is able to work immeasurably in, for, and through us.

When we open ourselves to God reviving us we will not be the same. Real Life Church will not be the same. Our community will not be the same. Let us claim 2020 as the year of the Lord’s favor and look with expectant eyes for the miracles of God!

*\*****Revival Definition****: an improvement in the condition or strength of something.*

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