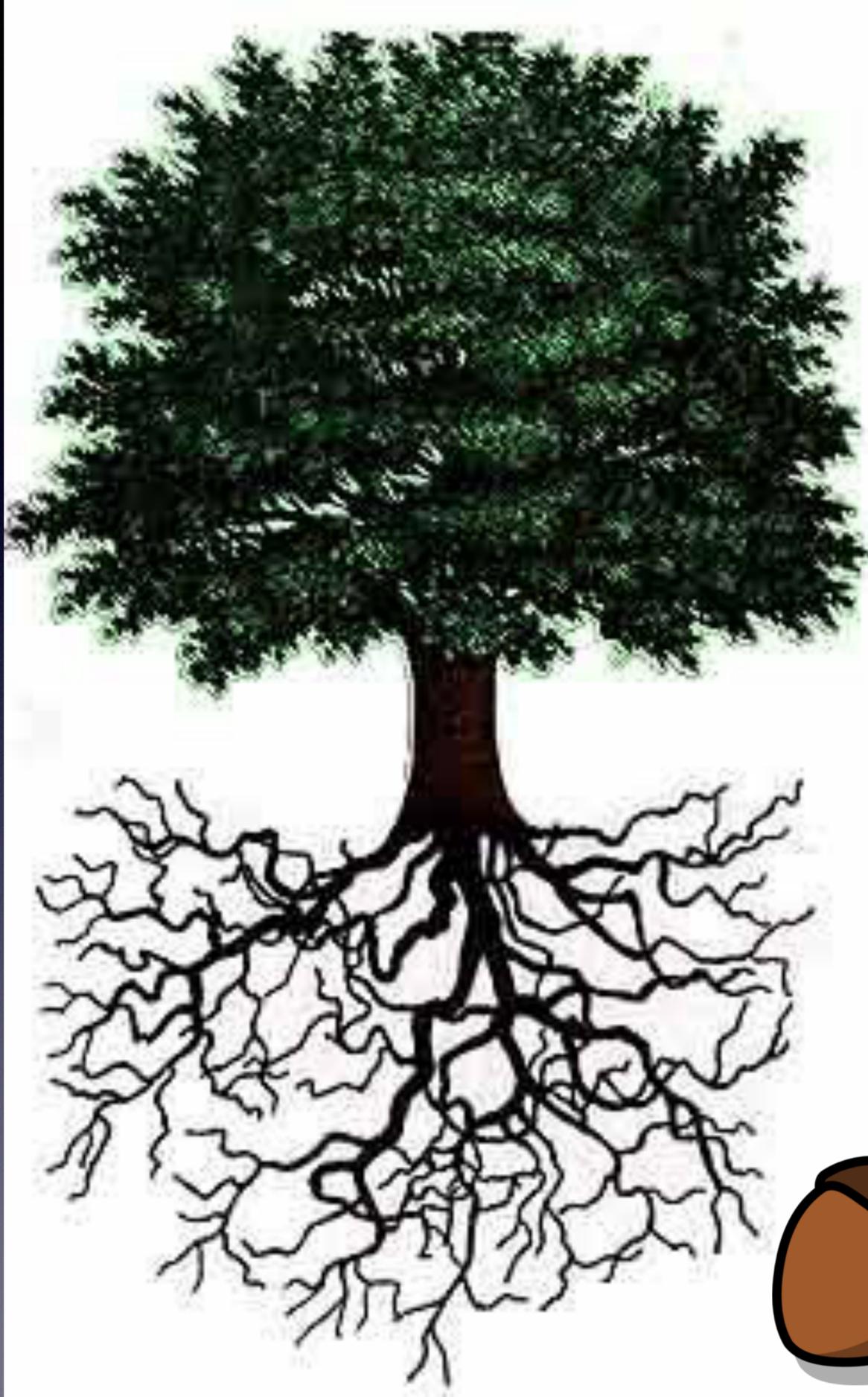


It's *all* about  
Jesus.

*All things were created through Him and for Him. Col 1:16*

**Created for Him!**

**Oaks of Righteousness  
Colossians 2:4-7**



And now, just as you accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord, you must continue to live in obedience to Him. Let your roots grow down into Him and draw up nourishment from Him, so you will grow in faith, strong and vigorous in the truth you were taught.



“Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few. Matthew 7:13, 14

**“I am rejoicing to see your . . .”**

**“Good order” (taxis) - A line of soldiers drawn up for battle**

**“Firmness of your faith” (Steroma) - The solidity and compactness of a formation of soldiers**

**Paul was rejoicing that they were standing firm against the attacks of false teachers. His goal? That they continue to stand firm and not yield to confusion or doubt.**

**As you received  
Christ Jesus the Lord,**

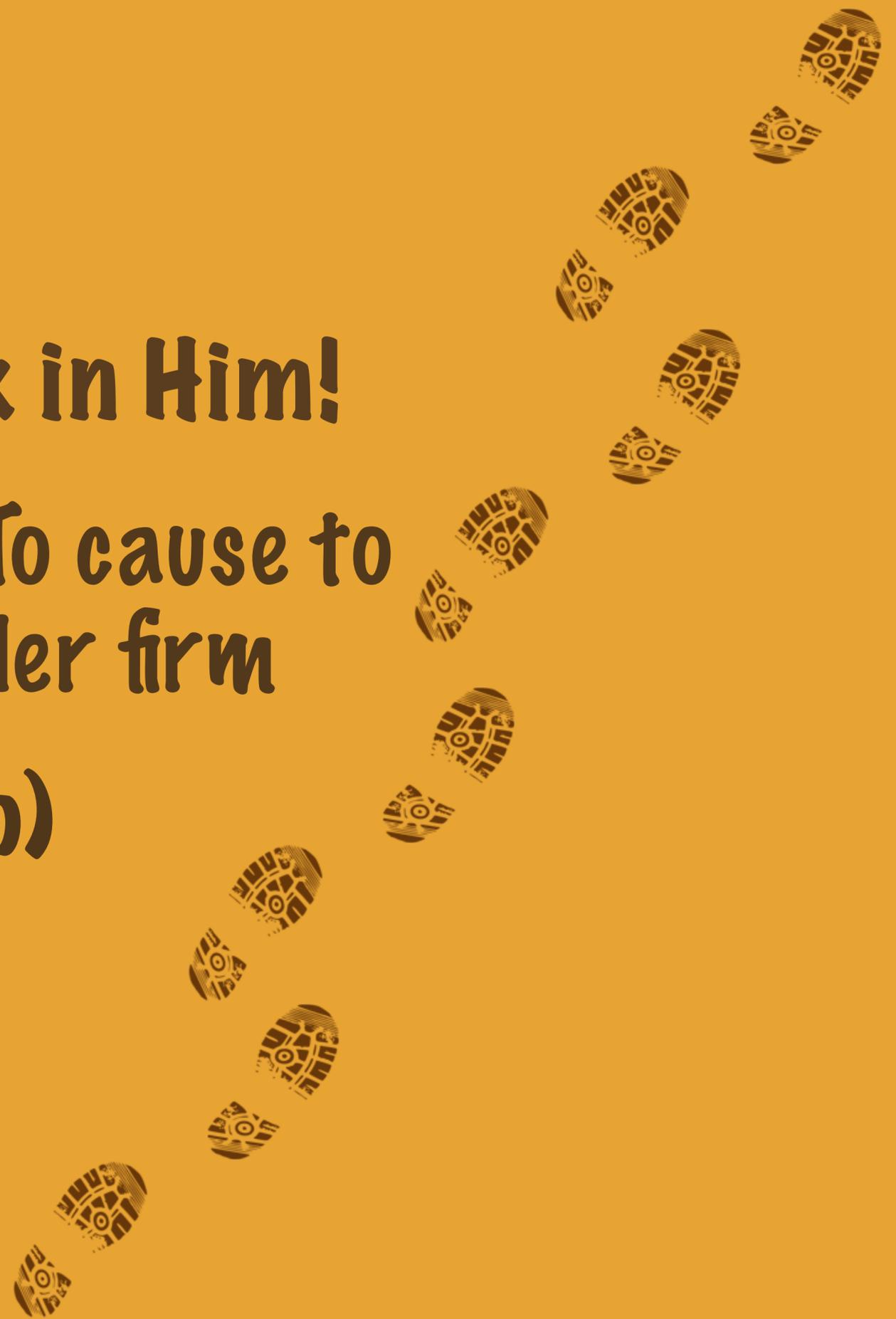
**so walk in Him!**



**\*Rooted: (rhizoo) To cause to  
strike root, to render firm**

**\*Built up: (epoikodomeo)  
To build upon, build up**

**\*Established: (bebaioo) To  
make firm, confirm, make sure**

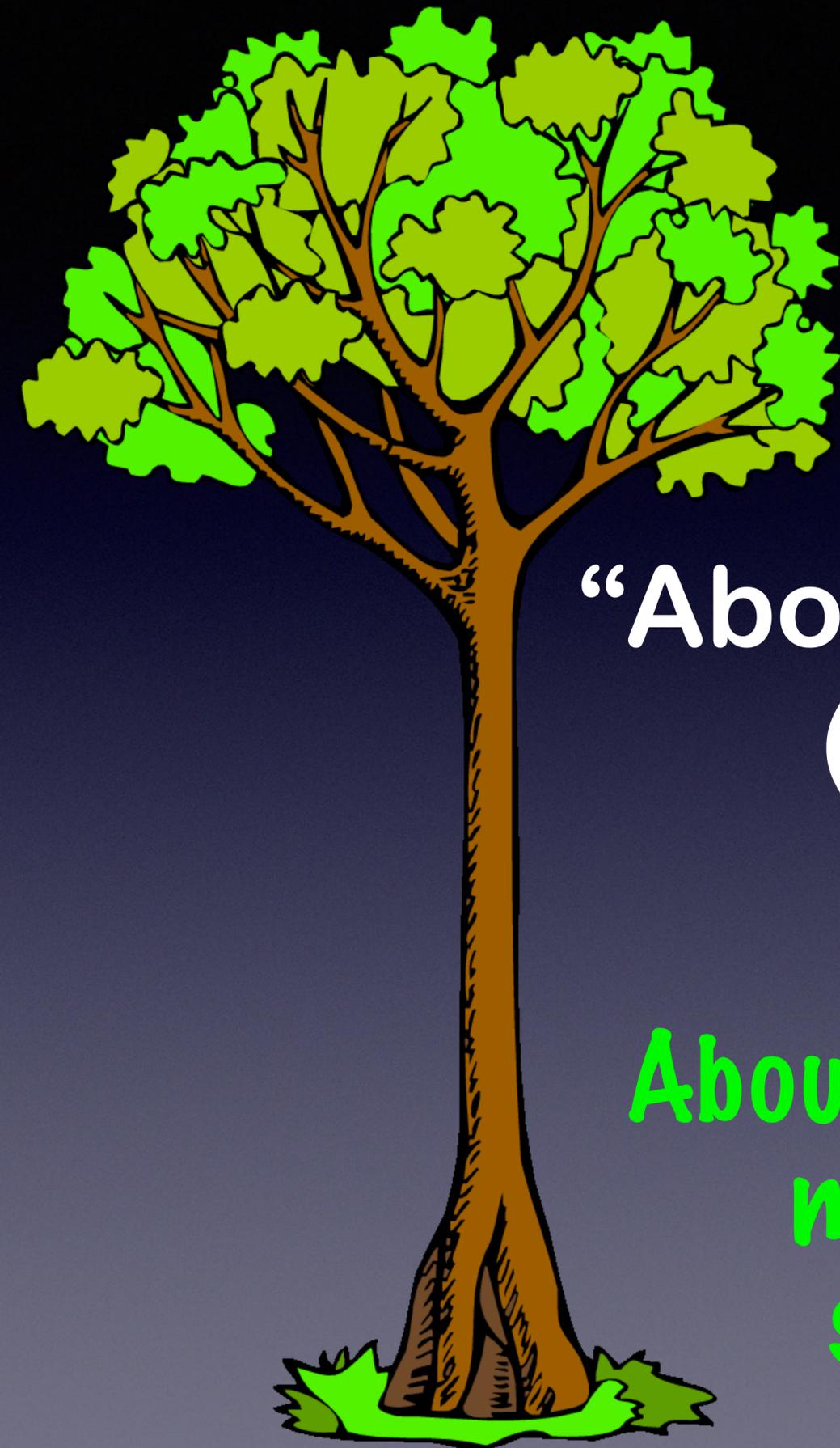


# The Marks of Maturity

Steadfast and Immovable

“Abounding in thanksgiving”  
(no matter what the  
circumstance)

Abounding - Perisseuo: “To exceed a fixed  
number of measure, in excess, be  
superfluous . . . to superabound!



# Paul emphasizes the unyielding nature of their faith-walk = Perseverance!

And not only this, but we also exult in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance; and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope; and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us. Romans 5:3-5, N.A.S.B.

Paul “sees the situation of the Colossians as being like that of an army under attack and affirms that their lines were unbroken, the discipline intact, and their faith in Christ unshaken.” Dr Curtis Vaughan