



# *Ephesians*

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## *Ephesians 3:14-21*

14 For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, 15 from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, 16 that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, 17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, 18 may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, 19 and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. 20 Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, 21 to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.



## *Humility 14-16*

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- *Gratitude for grace ch 1&2*

- *Dependency on the only One that can answer = desperation even*

- *Kneeling and praying for others wasn't common for Jews but Paul had seen this before and I wonder how it shaped him after his conversion. Acts 7:60 Stephen falls to his knees and begins to pray for those that would stone him.*

- *Confidence vs 11 & 12*



# *Power and Love in Fullness 17-19*

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*We see 3 petitions = Stott views them like a staircase*

- 1. Strengthened with power through his Spirit in your soul*
- 2. Rooted and grounded in love*
- 3. Filled with the fullness of God*



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## *Strengthened by the Spirits Power 16-17*

*"Effective prayer is the fruit of a relationship with God, not a technique for acquiring blessings."*

-D.A. Carson, A Call to Spiritual Reformation

*"It's how we fight sin, take the gospel to with courage, and love people the way Jesus did."*

-Tony Merida



## *Strengthened by the Spirits Power 16-17*

“15 And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. 16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.”

-Colossians 3:15-16

- *Christ dwelling in us happens at salvation He then gets to work ruling in our hearts as we grow in relationship through prayer and his word renovating our inner selves.*
- *We need his power in order to grasp the limitless dimensions of his love.*
- *Not a mere head knowledge rather an experiential deep knowing and being known... Rooted and grounded*



# *Rooted and Grounded in Love 17-18*

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*Pando Aspen grove is the largest tree by weight and mass located in Fishlake National Forest Utah*

*-Landmass 106 acres of quaking aspen*

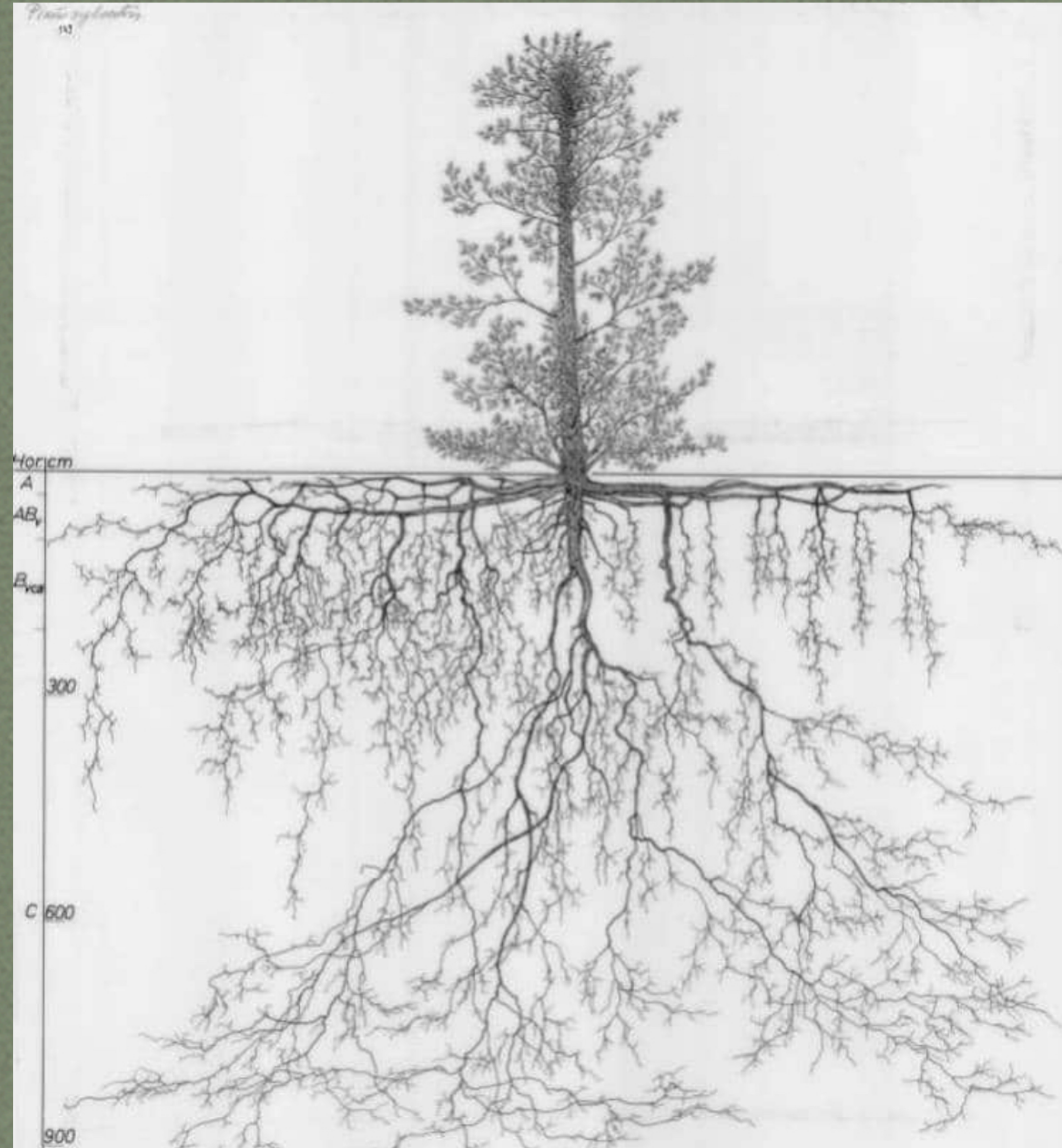
*-47,000+ stems with identical genetic markers; 1 single root system*



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*-All of Chapters 1&2 Paul has been pointing to this massive root system of who God is and what God has done and who they are because of that.*

*-This surpasses knowledge because it's experiential through relationship (prayer and meditation on his word)*



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# *Filled with all the Fullness of God 19*

19 and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

*-This is spiritually maturing into all that God wants us to be!*

“He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.” -Ps. 1:3

*- This is the transitional moment in the book of Ephesians b/c ch 4-6 Paul will tell them what a life filled with the fullness of God should look like.*

*-This is the fruit from a strong tree rooted and grounded in love Filled with the fullness of God.*



## *Great Expectations 20-21*

20 Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us,  
21 to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

- *Paul heaps praise on Gods sovereign power*
- *To Him who is able...*
- *We are to live life like we are a child of the God who is able to...*



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