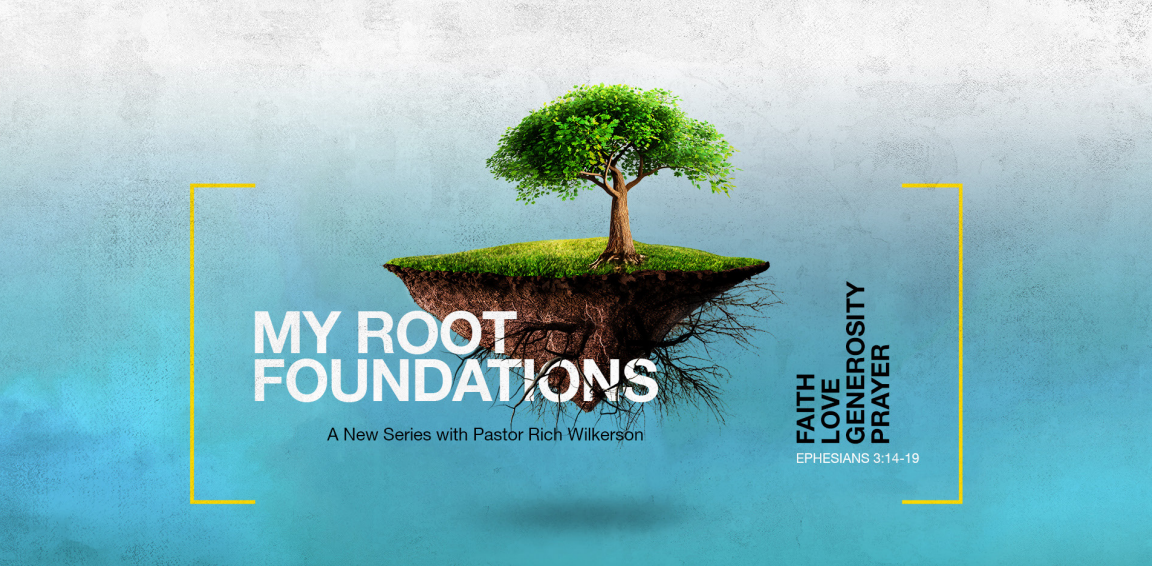


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# I'm Rooted in FAITH!

**Ephesians 3:14-19** – For this reason I kneel before the Father, [15] from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. [16] I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, [17] so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being ROOTED and ESTABLISHED in love, [18] may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, [19] and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

**Ephesians 3:17** – So that Christ may dwell in your hearts through FAITH. And I pray that that you be rooted and established in love.

**"Faith Is: Stepping out onto nothing, but expecting to land on something."**

– Dr. Cornel West

## 1st Level of Faith — **The <u>MEASURE</u> of FAITH**

**Mark 9:24** – Immediately the boy's father exclaimed, "I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!"

## 2nd Level of Faith — **<u>GROWING</u> FAITH**

**2 Thessalonians 1:3** – We ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters, and rightly so, because your faith is GROWING more and more, and the love all of you have for one another is increasing.

**Matthew 13:3-9** – Then he told them many things in parables, saying: *"A farmer went out to sow his seed. [4] As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. [5] Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. [6] But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no ROOT. [7] Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. [8] Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. 9 Whoever has ears, let them hear."*

**Colossians 2:6-7** – So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, [7] rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the FAITH as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

## 3rd Level of Faith — **<u>GREAT</u> FAITH!**

**Matthew 8:8 & 10** – The centurion replied, "Lord, I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. But just say the word, and my servant will be healed."

[10] When Jesus heard this, he was amazed and said to those following him, *"Truly I tell you, I have not found anyone in Israel with such GREAT FAITH."*