# Life in the Spirit: Rooted Deep in Christ

John 15:1-8

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- Rooted in Christ, bearing fruit, facing hatred.

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- "Remain in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful apart from me." John 15:4 (NLT)

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- Being rooted = walking daily with God in pure devotion.

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- "I command you to love each other in the same way that I love you. And here is how to measure it – the greatest love is shown when people lay down

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- Fruit is to be good and pleasing to God.

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- "Do you remember what I told you? 'A servant is not greater than the master.' Since they have persecuted me, naturally they will persecute you. And if they had listened to me, they would listen to you! The people of the world will hate you because you belong to me, for they don't know God who sent me. They would not be guilty if I had not come and spoken to them. But now they have no excuse for their sin. Anyone who hates me hates my Father, too." John 15:20-23 (NLT)

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