

Ephesians Series: What is Your Life Mission? #19
“Don’t Stop the Love!”

Message Notes, April 9, 2023

Traditional Easter Greeting:

Leader: Christ is Risen!

Congregation: Christ is risen indeed!

● **Christ’s Vision for Relationship with His Followers:**

a. **HOME**

John 14:23 NIV ²³ Jesus replied, “Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.

▪ **How to Define “Home”: My Home Stay Experience**

Ephesians 3:17 NLT ¹⁷ Then Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him. Your roots will grow down into God’s love and keep you strong.

▪ **“My Heart, Christ’s Home” Robert B. Munger**

Revelation 3:20 Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me.

b. **ROOTS**

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▪ **Roots reaching to nutrients and water**

▪ **Roots to withstand difficulties**

Exchange student soundtrack

● **Never-ending Love**

a. **The Paradox of God’s Love: understand, too great to understand**

Ephesians 3:18-19 NLT ¹⁸ And may you have the power to understand, as all God’s people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is. ¹⁹ May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God.

▪ Learning Japanese

b. **Understanding by Experience**

- God’s love has multiple dimensions
- Daily life is not extreme
- No matter what happens, God’s love is at work in it
- An episode from last Sunday

Conclusion:

- To what extent have you invited Jesus to make himself at home in your heart and life?
- How deeply have your roots grown down into God’s love?
- How have you come to understand God’s love by personal experience?

Ephesians 3:20-21

Leader: ²⁰ Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think.

Congregation: ²¹ Glory to him in the church and in Christ Jesus through all generations forever and ever! Amen.