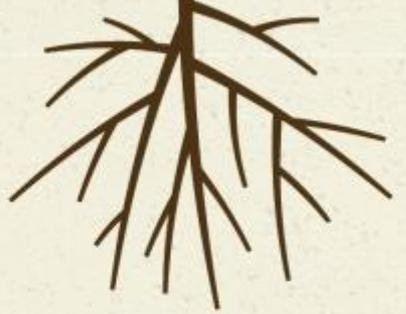


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**Rooted In the Word:  
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- The **YES** is how move from the self focused mind to one that is trained on the heart, character, and greatness of a Father who loves us



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A light-radiant cloud enveloped them, and sounding from deep in the cloud a voice: **“This is my Son, marked by my love, focus of my delight. Listen to him.”**



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**With the arrival of Jesus, the Messiah, that fateful dilemma is resolved. Those who enter into Christ's being-here-for-us no longer have to live under a continuous, low-lying black cloud. A new power is in operation. The Spirit of life in Christ, like a strong wind, has magnificently cleared the air, freeing you from a fated lifetime of brutal tyranny at the hands of sin and death**



## Revelation exercise

Holy Spirit,

Reveal a lie I've believed about God.

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Reveal a deep truth about God.

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