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Series: Against the Tide

Sermon: "Why Is My Christian Walk So Unstable?"

Scripture:

⁶So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him,
⁷rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

-Colossians 2:6-7 (New International Version)

Introduction:

- Becoming a Christian seems like the easiest thing in the world.
- Colossians teaches a completely different approach to Christian living.
- In Romans 8:29, Paul says it is God's will that we become "conformed to the image of his Son."
- Colossians 2:6, "So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in Him,"
- You live the Christian life the same way you enter the Christian life.
- We all need stability in our daily walk with Jesus; Paul teaches us how to do that.

I. Live in Him, rooted in Him.

- What does it mean to be "rooted in Christ"?
- We place our roots firmly in Christ.
- Your roots determine your values and priorities.
- Learn to live "in" Christ, not just "for" Christ.
- You became rooted in Christ by surrendering yourself in faith to Christ.
- The more you surrender, the deeper the roots grow.

II. Live in Him, built up in Him.

- This is an ongoing process for all of live.
- God isn't surprised by your imperfections.
- I Corinthians 3:9, "You are God's field, God's building."
- Philippians 1:6, "[I am] confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."
- We need to interpret our progress in Christ differently.
- Living the Christian life is not about living **for** Christ, it's about living **in**

Christ.

- We are saved by faith, and we live by faith.

III. Live in Him, strengthened in the faith.

- Your strength is in your faith.
- Your faith in Christ is the key that unlocks God's power in your life.
- Living the Christian life is not about living for Christ, it's about living in Christ.

IV. Live in Him, overflowing with thankfulness.

- We should be overflowing with thankfulness towards Christ for what he has promised to do in our live.
- We are saved by faith, and we live by faith.
- Expressing thankfulness to God for what He will do signifies that your trust Him with your whole life.
- You recognize that you aren't living for Him, you are living in Christ who gives you the strength to make it each day.
- Jesus is all you need!

Conclusion:

- Don't trust in yourself - Trust in Jesus.
- You will never make it in the Christian life if your faith is in yourself.
- There is only one way to establish stability in your daily walk.

Put Your Faith Entirely IN Jesus