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2. As we heard this weekend there will be people who want to deceive us, and often these people appear to be friendly. One of the ways the bible tells us to protect ourselves from this threat is by being "rooted" in our faith. How do the following verses explain what being "rooted" does and how it impacts our faith?  
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Which blessing stood out to you as something you'd like to see more of in your life?
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