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Theme Verse Proverbs: 3: 5-6 "Trust in the LORD with all your heart; and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your path straight."(NIV)

1. Angie, a self-confesses "Control Freak" struggles with trusting God
2. Guilty of wanting "Knowledge more than trusting God
3. Struggles with theme verse Proverbs 3:5-6
4. Adam & Eve Garden of Eden had the same issues:
They wanted knowledge more than trusting God's love.
They were not trusting what was deep in the soil, hope/promises.
Just focused on what was above the ground---what they could see/touch.
5. Ephesians 3:17-21 "Rooted" (passive tense) & "Grounded" (present tense)
"Rooted happened" one time by Jesus at Salvation, he did it all--we did nothing
"Grounded" an ongoing process, never ending. Secure/Stable

DIFFERENCE BETWEEN		
"Knowledge"	and	"LOVE"
ME/MY CONTROL/RULES		HIM/SURRENDER/RELATIONSHIP
CONTRACT W/CHECK LIST		COVENANT IN A BOND OF LOVE
RELIGION		FIATH
DO SOMETHING TO MAKE IT WORK		FREELY RECEIVE CHRIT'S LIFE / TRUST HIM

6. A Cherry Blossom Tree: Symbol of the passing of Angie's child, Audrey
7. It bloomed in Japan the day Audrey passed, and Angie had lived in Japan.
A Cherry Blossom Tree was given as a gift after Audrey's passing, it never bloomed.
After 3 years, and examination by a "Tree Doctor" it was pronounced dead.
But
One day, even with a hole at the base of the tree, it bloomed with hundreds of blooms!
"The great physician says "You don't know what is in the ground"
No matter what has, is or will happen keep your TRUST In God.

Ephesians 3:14-21 New International Version (NIV)

¹⁴ "For this reason I kneel before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family^[a] in heaven and on earth derives its name. ¹⁶ I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established (grounded) in the love of Christ, ¹⁹ and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. Now to him who is able to do immeasurable more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen". Paul, who was in prison, did not know he would get out of prison, he praised God because he could get out. Often, the best praises comes just before the pedal burst into bloom.

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