



# Rooted

Ephesians 3:14-19

## Meet the Speakers:

### Jon and Jackie McNeel



Jon was born and raised in Colorado. He lived in a good home with loving parents who modeled and shared the importance of knowing Jesus and living for Jesus. Jon came to know Jesus as his savior when he was 13 years of age and was highly influenced in his life through his parents, his local church, and especially through his youth pastor. He started in ministry as a Jr. High youth pastor at Foothills Bible Church in Littleton, CO, in 1986 while working on his Bachelor's Degree at Colorado Christian College. By the mid 90's, Jon was teaching Jr High School history. After graduating with his Master's Degree in 1996 Jon soon moved into teaching at Colorado Christian University. In 1999 Jon and Jackie and their children moved to Nebraska where Jon served as Academic Dean at a local Jr. College in Lincoln, Ne and by 2006 took a position at Grace University as their Dean of Men and Head Men's Soccer Coach as well as professor for their adult degree completion program. Today, Jon is lead pastor at Common Ground Ministries in Glenwood Iowa, and serves through teaching, preaching, mentoring, and counseling.

Jackie is the love of Jon's life. She was born in California and raised in Iowa and Nebraska. She was not born into a Christian home, but her mother came to know the Lord when she was a young girl and Jackie accepted Jesus as her personal savior at the age of 7. Her father became a Christian when Jackie was 18. Today Jackie is a paraeducator at Cornerstone Christian School. Previous to this Jackie served as a paraeducator working with students with mental and physical disabilities in the local public elementary schools in both Glenwood, Iowa and Bennet, Ne for the last 15 years. She has served in ministry throughout their marriage by serving on mission's committee, MOPS/WHEW ministry, women's ministry, and children's ministry. She has also been Jon's ministry partner in the different churches they have attended for over 20 years. They have been married for 30 years and have raised 4 children: Shawnta (27) paraeducator in Glenwood, Iowa; Hunter (26) Assistant Worship Pastor at Brookside Church in Omaha, Ne.; Trenton (24) Youth Pastor at The Well, Des Moines, Iowa; and Colton (22) serving in the Air Force, stationed in Grand Forks North Dakota.

Their passion is to see couples grow and thrive in their marriage by serving couples through premarital counseling, marriage counseling, and one on one mentoring for the last 8 years.