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Who Am I

I Know Who I Am, Why I Am, What I Am

Genesis 1:26–28

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LAST WEEK | GENESIS 1–3; COLOSSIANS 1

Recap: Divine Intentionality

- G-D's intention for humanity preceded our existence.
- The enemy still questions what G-D said.
- Only the Creator can define the created. We look to Jesus, the image of the invisible G-D.

Today we bring that conversation closer to home.

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INTRODUCTION

One Man, Many Voices

- His wife calls her husband.
- His son calls his father.
- His pastor calls a deacon.
- Different relationships and responsibilities. One man.

Who were you before you received the title?

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GENESIS 1:26–28; 2:7, 15–17

Image Comes with Responsibility

- 1:26 G-D announces His intention to make humanity in His image and likeness.
- Tselem (image): representation. Demuth (likeness): resemblance.
- 1:28 Authority over the creatures and a shared commission.
- 2:7, 15–17 G-D forms the man, gives life, place, work, and instruction.

Dignity because we bear His image. Responsibility because we answer to Him.

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POINT ONE | GENESIS 1:26–27

I Bear His Image in Every Role I Carry

- We were created to represent G-D within His world.
- Husband, father, servant, leader: how do I represent Him in each?
- My role identifies a responsibility. G-D establishes the dignity of the person carrying it.
- If my whole identity rests in a title, losing it can leave me questioning my worth.

Before anybody called me husband, father, servant, or leader, G-D created me in His image.

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POINT TWO | GENESIS 1:28; 2:15–17

I Am Accountable to the One I Represent

- Move from dignity to responsibility.
- Authority comes from Him (1:28).
- Place, work, and instruction come from Him (2:15–17).
- How I work, lead, treat people, and respond to His instructions.

My authority is received. I answer to the One who gave it.

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POINT THREE | 2 COR 3:18; COL 3:5–10; GAL 1:10

I Reflect the Christ Who Called Me

- A. Sin: I cannot reflect Him while protecting what He commands me to forsake.
- B. Demands: I cannot disobey Christ to keep somebody pleased.
- C. Expectations: I must measure what people expect against what Christ requires.

Not what people want me to be. Is my life increasingly reflecting Jesus?

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CLOSING

What Are We Showing Them?

1. I bear His image in every role I carry.
2. I am accountable to the One I represent.
3. I reflect the Christ who called me.

When people encounter our lives, what are we showing them about the One whose image we bear?

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