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I Know Who I Am

John 6:35

INTRODUCTION **NOTES** Do you know who you are? Do you know where your identity is rooted? If you've been asking yourself these questions, I want to help you answer them. You are not your past mistakes, you are not a relationship you were (or are) in, and you are not the sin you struggle with. If you have given your life to Christ. You are His. Your identity is found in Jesus. 2 Corinthians 5:17 tells us, "This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!" When you give your life to Christ, you are made new. You are not a product of anything you have done. But your identity is found in your relationship with Christ. You are His. **KEY POINTS** 1. Jesus Is A Model Of Secure Identity If you want to be like Jesus, stand in your identity. Yes, you are His. Be who you were created to be. Do not waiver; do all that you were created to do. And then do not compromise that just to please others. Jesus had proved who He was. He didn't need to do so again. And neither do you. If you are authentic in your identity (in Christ), it will show. You will not have to step outside of that to please others. Jesus gave us the ultimate example of what it is like to be who we are, and not to change that for others. The next time you are tempted to do something just to please others, remember what Jesus did. Draw a line and stand with confidence and security in who you are. 2. Secure People Don't Focus On Impressing Others When you are secure in who you are and in whose you are, you don't base your relationships on performance, but on what is called "embodiment." Embodiment is when you are what you espouse. What do you embody? Do you live what you talk? Do you walk the walk or just talk the talk? 1 John 3:18 says, "Dear children, let's not merely say that we love each other; let us show the truth by our actions." Therefore, we don't have to live our lives to impress others. If we are secure in who we are in Christ, we can focus solely on living to please Him rather than trying to please others.

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3. Secure People Teach Others How To Treat Them

Have you ever noticed how people treat secure people? They don't use them. They don't degrade them. They don't belittle them. This is true because when you are secure in who you are, you carry yourself with a certain confidence, a certain assurance. You communicate not just verbally, but nonverbally, that you are not going to be taken advantage of. You know where your power comes from. You know where your identity is rooted. You know where your confidence originates from. And it is with that assurance that you teach others how to treat you – with kindness, respect, and love.

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QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1.	What is one specific way that Jesus set an example of security for us?
2.	Would you say you are secure in who you are? Why or why not?
3.	What is one verse of Scripture you can begin to memorize that will help you remember where your identity and security come from?

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