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THEREFORE, URGE YOU, BROTHERS AND SISTERS, IN VIEW OF GOD'S MERCY, TO OFFER YOUR BODIES AS A LIVING SACRIFICE, <u>HOLY AND PLEASING TO GOD-THIS IS YOUR TRUE AND PROPER</u> worship. 2 Do not conform to the pattern of this WORLD, BUT BE TRANSFORMED BY THE RENEWING OF YOUR MIND. THEN YOU WILL BE ABLE TO TEST AND APPROVE WHAT God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. (Romans 12:1-2, NIV)

KNOWING WHO YOU ARE, FINDING YOUR PURPOSE, YOUR LIVES SOUND MEANS EVERYTHING FOR WHO YOU WILL BE IN THIS WORLD.

WHO ARE WE?

THE OLD TESTAMENT INTRODUCES US TO GOD

"LET THERE BE LIGHT, LIGHT HAS TO APPEAR."

YOU ARE SOMEBODY YOU ARE LIVING AND BREATHING SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF A

WHAT THE ENEMY WANTS TO DO IS CONVINCE US THAT GOD ISN'T WHO HE SAYS HE IS AND THAT WE AREN'T WHO GOD SAYS WE ARE.

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I AM MADE BY HIM. HIS IMAGE IS ON ME, AND I AM TO REFLECT WHO HE IS TO OTHERS.

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Identity is about knowing the truth about who we are, which is predicted upon knowing who God is, and then living in the light of that truth.

The God who knows you and how you work because He made you prescribes what your identity should look like.

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Who is God, and therefore, Who am I?

Your value was good enough when God gave it to you, not when people recognized it.

THIS IS CHRISTIAN IDENTITY: A PERPETUAL PROCLAMATION OF THE LORD'S PRONOUNCEMENT OF WHO WE ARE OVER AGAINST THE FALSIFIED REPORTS OF THE ENEMY.

WE MUST REMEMBER THAT NOT ONLY IS DIVERSITY THE REALITY OF HEAVEN, IT IS THE REALITY OF THIS WORLD.

Our identity is shaped not only by listening for, hearing, and walking with God, but also by being around God's people.

One of the keys to staying centered in who God wants us to be is our pursuit of humility.

IF YOU PUT GOD'S PRAISE FIRST, ABOVE ALL OTHERS, YOU WON'T HAVE TO QUESTION YOUR IDENTITY.

WE HAVE TO GIVE OURSELVES TO NOURISHING THE true calling God has given us. And the true CALLING IS NOURISHED BY NOT JUST FOLLOWING THE IDEALS OF OUR WORLD BUT BY DOING THINGS TO INTENTIONALLY REMIND OURSELVES WHO WE TRULY ARE AND WHO WE ARE HERE TO SERVE.

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IF YOUR IDENTITY IS CEMENTED IN ANYTHING THAT IS NOT GOD, IT WILL UNRAVEL AND IMPLODE.

We have to remind ourselves that to be in step with our calling as a Christian is to focus not on what we want <u>from</u> a person but what we want <u>for</u> a person.

Our universal call as a Christian is to love people, to serve, to preach the truth, to empower, and to heal.

I DON'T KNOW WHO I AM IF I'M NOT OPERATING IN MY ULTIMATE CALLING.

THE TRUE TRAGEDY OF PARENTING IS NOT WHEN OUR CHILDREN ARE UNABLE TO RECEIVE A CERTAIN STATUS BUT WHEN THEY ARE NOT ABLE TO FIND HEALING, LOVE, GRACE, EMPOWERMENT IN OUR OWN HOMES.

Who we are as a reflection of God.

People who know who they are in Christ, who see themselves as Christ image bearers in the world, are the most dangerous people there are.

Above all else, the identity of the Christian is love.

By striving for an identity that flows from our Creator, We become, like Jesus, a threat to the threats.

We need to be dangerous. Dangerous Chrisitans!