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# IDENTITY

## WHO IS BEHIND THE MASK?

### DEVOTIONAL QUESTIONS:

1. FROM YOUR UPBRINGING OR PAST EXPERIENCES, WHAT WAS YOUR IDENTITY BASED ON? LIST THEM (COULD BE A POSITION, TITLE, EDUCATION, PERSON, SUCCESS, FINANCIAL SECURITY ETC.)

2. WHAT DOES A GOD-GIVEN IDENTITY LOOK LIKE AND WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT TO US AS BELIEVERS? WHAT IS IT BASED ON?

3. WHAT DOES THE STORY ABOUT JOSEPH AND HIS BROTHERS TEACH US ABOUT THE EFFECTS OF NOT KNOWING OUR GOD-GIVEN IDENTITY WHEN IT COMES TO OUR RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHERS?

4. COMMITMENT TO PARTICULAR VALUES AND BELIEFS ARE A FUNDAMENTAL PART OF IDENTITY. DEFINE THE VALUES AND BELIEFS THAT YOU ARE TRULY COMMITTED TO. WHAT VALUES AND BELIEFS DO YOU IDENTIFY WITH? WHAT ARE NON-NEGOTIABLE AND HOW DO THEY SHAPE WHO YOU ARE?



**NEXT STEPS:**

1. EXPLORE THE TRUTH ABOUT YOUR GOD-GIVEN IDENTITY FROM THE SCRIPTURES. (ROM. 6:6,8:16; 2 COR 5:17; GAL 3:29; EPH 2:10; HEB 3:1; PET 1:4, 1:23, 2:9). WHAT DOES THE SCRIPTURE SAY ABOUT YOU?
  
2. WHAT PART DOES GOD PLAY IN DEVELOPING YOUR IDENTITY AND WHAT PART DO YOU PLAY? WHAT ACTION STEP CAN YOU TAKE TO UNDERSTAND AND WALK OUT YOUR GOD-GIVEN IDENTITY?
  
3. DURING THE WEEK, FIND AT LEAST TWO PEOPLE TO CELEBRATE FOR THEIR GIFTS AND TALENTS. ENCOURAGE THEM TO EXCEL EVEN BEYOND YOU AND HELP THEM IN ANY WAY YOU CAN. (DON'T JUST THINK GOOD THOUGHTS ABOUT THEM, BUT SHARE THOSE THOUGHTS WITH THEM.)
  
4. PRAY AND ASK THE LORD WHAT TALENT(S) HE HAS GIVEN YOU TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE BODY OF CHRIST. ARE YOU HIDING OR DISMISSING THE VALUE OF ANY GIFTING YOU MAY HAVE? ASK THE LORD TO SHOW YOU WHAT STEPS YOU COULD TAKE TO WALK IN THIS GIFTING.

**\*SMART GOALS:**

- A. SPECIFIC - CAN YOU STATE SPECIFICALLY WHAT YOU ARE DOING?
  
- B. MEASURABLE - HOW CAN WE MEASURE THIS GOAL SO WE WILL KNOW WHEN YOU HAVE REACHED IT?
  
- C. ATTAINABLE - IS IT WITHIN YOUR CAPABILITIES AND DOES IT DEPEND ON YOU?
  
- D. RELEVANT - DO YOU CARE ENOUGH ABOUT THIS GOAL TO MAKE IT A PRIORITY?
  
- E. TIME SPECIFIC - IT HAS A DEADLINE.

