

## Who are you?

<sup>10</sup> Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be afraid, for I am your God. I will strengthen you; I will help you; I will hold on to you with my righteous right hand. **Isaiah 41:10 CSB**

### **Intro:**

- We live in a time
- Where we battle with identity issues
- There's so much chaos in the world
- People telling us we need to fit in
- That we must fit into this mold
- Today
- What we appear to others matters more than what we think about ourselves
- We compare ourselves
- To our peers
- Parents
- Friends
- We are constantly trying to please others
- So, where do you stand today
- More than how we see ourselves
- How does God see us
- Do we know our identity
- Do we know what God says about us
- Or have we compromised
- Have we limited ourselves to believing that we are this person
- Today, I want to challenge you to look at yourself
- As the way God would
- Not as how man has seen me
- Not what my parents think of me
- Not what my coworkers think of me
- But what does God have to say about me

## 1) **Do not fear**

- The Lord was speaking to Isaiah
- telling him this important message
- Do not fear
- Anywhere from 70 to 110 times
- Does the word of God say do not fear
- Throughout the bible
- We see men and women of God
- Who are chosen by god's
- To stand up for something great
- Every time a man or a woman of God stood up
- The Lord was always there
- The word fear
- Is the perception of danger, pain, or harm
- Whenever fear tries to come in
- Are human self our body prepares to either confront the threat
- Or to flee from it to ensure survival
- So, what the Lord is saying
- Do not fear if danger, pain, or harm comes your way
- Do not fear if something or someone is trying to confront you
- Do not flee when things are coming your way
- After he says do not fear there was a comma
- Which indicates a pause
- Then he says I am with you
- If the Lord is surrounding, you
- If the Lord is with you
- Then why fear
- If there's anything that I can let you take home today that you should remember
- Do not fear where you are going
- The Lord is already there
- Know that he is already there where you are going

## 2) **Do not be afraid**

- There's a difference between being fearful and being afraid
- Being afraid is feeling fear
- Being afraid is worrying
- Fear is the cause, and being afraid is the action of fear
- The Lord told Abraham not to be afraid
- The Lord taught Isaac not to be afraid, for he was with him
- God told Moses not to be afraid
- God commanded Joshua not to be afraid but to be strong and fearless
- You see in life
- We might fear things
- New seasons, new chapters
- We might be afraid of entering into the season God has already placed before us
- So, when Isaiah is being told by the Lord do not fear, for I am with you
- Do not be afraid
- The Lord is saying I am your God
- The only way that you can step into the next season
- Is having the Lord your God as the God of your life
- So, if you want to be successful in this life
- You must place the Lord your God as the Lord overall
- God must be the center of your life
- if you want to have a successful career
- Put the Lord first
- If you want to have a successful marriage, you must put the Lord first
- If you want to have a great relationship with your kids
- Place the Lord first
- If you want to succeed in the plans that you have already established
- Give them to God
- Lay them down at the feet of Jesus
- Where you are going to college

- Where you are going to work
- Who you are going to marry
- put God first
- so that he can be your God

### 3) **I will strengthen you**

- When we place the Lord our God as the center of our lives
- We can trust wholeheartedly
- That's when times get tough
- When we cannot find a job
- When we make mistakes
- When we fall
- When we fail
- We can place our trust in the lord's
- To know that God is with us
- He gave you the strength to pass
- He gave you the strength to hold the diploma in your hands
- He gave you the strength for those sleepless nights
- He gave you the strength to pass the exams
- The same God who has helped you up to now
- Is the same God that will always help you
- When you cannot lean on your strength
- When you are tired and want to give up
- When you think that all hope is lost
- Trust that God is with you
- Do not depend on your strength
- No matter how strong you are
- No matter how much you have overcome
- We need God in everything
- He will be the one who strengthens you
- He will be the one who helps you, and when days get tough

- Because I know people all around this place right now
- Can testify that life is not easy
- They can testify that if you lean on your own strength, you will fall and fail
- But if you trust in the Lord
- If you depend on his strength
- God will help you

#### **4) I will hold you up**

- As my little daughter has been growing up
- She walks now
- But it took
- Several months holding her up
- Walking alongside her
- Holding her by the hand
- To show her how to walk
- And after so many times
- After falling and failing so many times
- She is walking
- This is what God is trying to tell you today
- Let him hold you up
- Let him walk you through the righteous ways
- Let God guide you in every decision that you make
- Let God's righteous right hand show you the perfect will
- Let him guide you in every season

#### **Conclusion:**

- When you realize
- Who you are in Christ Jesus
- You can trust that he is on your side

