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## I AM A MASTERPIECE

### WHO AM I? PART 4

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TODAY: EPHESIANS 2:10

*"For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he has planned for us long ago." (Ephesians 2:10 NLT)*

1. MY Identity DETERMINES MY Destiny

The word "masterpiece" in the original Greek text of Ephesians 2:10 is "**ποίημα**" (**poiēma**), which can also be translated as "workmanship" or "creation."

*"What is the price of two sparrows—one copper coin? But not a single sparrow can fall to the ground without your Father knowing it. <sup>30</sup>And the very hairs on your head are all numbered. <sup>31</sup>So don't be afraid; you are more valuable to God than a whole flock of sparrows." (Matthew 10:29-31)*

He sees you

He knows you

He loves you

He gets you

2. OUR IDENTITY Has Been Vandalized

The enemy comes to distort, to destroy and to steal from you your destiny and your calling. You listen to lies, or half truths, and in the process you end up stuck waiting, never feeling good enough, never feeling worthy, always feeling

*"... He has always hated the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, it is consistent with his character; for he is a liar and the father of lies." (John 8:44)*

We must both Deconstructing the lies and false beliefs we have built our lives on and Reconstructing our true identity in Christ Alone.

The enemy has worked (through life circumstances, people, situations, and our response to create an Identity crisis:	The Lord Wants to restore us to His original design, our true identity in Jesus Christ:
Selfish and self-preoccupied.	A servant and promoter of others.
Victimized and filled with self-pity.	One who gives hope and encouragement.
Hardened and numb.	Soft-hearted and connected emotionally.
Unforgiving and bitter.	Forgiving and filled with love.
Filled with self-hatred.	One who knows they are approved of by God.
Depressed and sorrowful.	A person of contagious joy.
Introverted and shy.	Outgoing and bold.
Visionless and confused.	Clear-minded and filled with vision and direction.
Fearful and unable to trust.	Courageous and not suspicious of others
Cautious and afraid to witness	Bold witness with voice that is filled with God's power.

The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life. (John 10:10)

### 3. A BROKEN HEART LEADS TO \_\_\_\_\_ A Break-Through Faith \_\_\_\_\_

*"Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you your heart's desire." (Psalm 37:4)*

**DELIGHT** = ענג - **anag**., to be soft or pliable delicate with enjoyment

### 4. WE MUST Remind and Restore Others

*"Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep his promise. <sup>24</sup> Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. <sup>25</sup> And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near." (Hebrews 10:23-25)*

"Dear brothers and sisters, if another believer<sup>[a]</sup> is overcome by some sin, you who are godly<sup>[b]</sup> should gently and humbly help that person back onto the right path. And be careful not to fall into the same temptation yourself. <sup>2</sup> Share each other's burdens, and in this way obey the law of Christ. (Galatians 6:1)

### 5. IT IS ALWAYS Too Soon to Quit

*"When you go through deep waters, I will be with you.  
When you go through rivers of difficulty, you will not drown.  
When you walk through the fire of oppression, you will not be burned up;  
the flames will not consume you." (Isaiah 43:2)*