



## Our Identity Is Not For Sale | Pastor Lisa Allen | 5.11.25

### Opening Prayer:

Begin by asking God to guide your discussion and help everyone understand and apply the truths from this message.

### Key Takeaways:

1. Our identity as image-bearers of God is not for sale.
2. There are three types of people described in Scripture: natural, spiritual, and fleshly/carnal.
3. Satan tries to steal three crucial aspects of our identity: a. Our identity as saints b. Our identity as abiding branches of God c. Our identity as connected servants

### Discussion Questions:

1. What does it mean to be an "image-bearer" of God? How does this impact how we view ourselves and others?
2. The speaker mentioned three types of people described in Scripture. Which type do you most identify with currently, and why?
3. How have you experienced Satan's attempts to steal or distort your identity in Christ? Share specific examples if you're comfortable.
4. Discuss the concept of being a "saint" despite our sins. How does this truth challenge or encourage you?
5. Read John 15:1-5. What does it mean to "abide" in Christ? How can we practically do this in our daily lives?

6. The speaker emphasized the importance of being connected and serving in a church community. What are some barriers that prevent people from getting involved, and how can we overcome them?
7. Reflect on the "butterfly effect" examples shared in the sermon. How does this perspective change the way you view your actions and choices?
8. The speaker described what she "sees" when looking at the congregation. How did this section of the sermon impact you? Do you see yourself the way she described?

## **Practical Applications:**

9. Identity Affirmation: Take a few minutes each day this week to affirm your identity in Christ. Write down or speak aloud truths about who you are in Him.
10. Abiding Practice: Choose one practical way to "abide" in Christ this week (e.g., daily Scripture reading, intentional prayer times, listening to worship music).
11. Serving Opportunity: If you're not currently serving in the church, research and pray about one area where you could get involved. If you are serving, consider inviting someone else to join you.
12. Generational Impact: Reflect on how your choices and actions might impact future generations. Write a letter to a future descendant describing the legacy of faith you hope to leave.
13. Community Building: Reach out to someone in the church this week who might be feeling isolated or disconnected. Invite them for coffee or to join your small group.

## **Closing Prayer:**

Thank God for the identities He has given us in Christ. Ask for His help in living out these truths and impacting others for His kingdom.