

A woman wearing a brown hijab is shown in profile, looking towards the left. She is positioned in the foreground, with a vast, rugged mountain range in the background. The mountains are covered in snow and partially shrouded in mist or low clouds. The sky is a deep blue with scattered white clouds. The overall mood is contemplative and serene.

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A SERIES ON CURRENT EVENTS

# Identity thief

In 2019, 14.4 million consumers became victims of identity fraud — that's about 1 in 15 people

Overall, 33 percent of U.S. adults have experienced identity theft, which is more than twice the global average

More than one in four older adults, aged 55 and over, have experienced identity theft

One in five victims of identity theft have experienced it more than once

Over 1 million children in the U.S. were victims of identity theft in 2017, costing families \$540 million in out-of-pocket expenses

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Who am I? What is my identity?



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# Why are we dealing with current events?

- Our purpose for the Unshakeable series is for the gospel of Jesus Christ to be lived out as the solution for dealing with our current events especially in light of who I am.



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## False identities in our culture today

- Social Identity – “I will never be good enough”
- Work Productivity – “Exhaustive lifestyle and no peace nor rest”
- Politics – “Use others to get what I want”
- Academics – “leads to despair”
- Financial Security – “insecurity of the security”
- Race – “all tribes have the same race problems”
- Gender/Sexuality – “My desire vs God’s design”

# List of current events

- Occupy Wall Street
- Me Too Movement
- BLM, CRT and WOKE
- Immigration
- COVID w/restrictions
- People not working
- LGBTQ/Gender Identity
- Corruption
- Cancel culture
- Censorship in social media
- Racism
- Proposal 5



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## Ephesians 1:3-5

Blessed be the God and Father of (my) Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed (me) in Christ with every **spiritual blessing** in the heavenly places, even as He **chose** (me) in Him before the foundation of the world, that (I) should be holy and blameless before Him. In love He **predestined** (me) for **adoption** to Himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of His will,

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# Ephesians 1:6-8

to the praise of His glorious grace, with which He has **blessed** (me) in the Beloved. In Him (I) have **redemption** through His blood, the **forgiveness** of (my) trespasses, according to the riches of His grace, which He **lavished** upon (me), in all wisdom and insight...



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# Ephesians 1:9-11

**making known** to (me) the **mystery** of His will, according to His purpose, which He set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in Him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Him (I) have obtained an **inheritance**, having been **predestined** according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will,

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Self-examination question to understand my identity...

- What is it that gives my heart a purpose to live?

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- ME