

**Get Involved with Us as We Pursue Excellence, Value ALL  
People, Fuel and Display Passion, Choose a Good Attitude at ALL  
Times**

**Deep Dive – *Hold Your Image From the Created/Formed Series*  
Dave Beavers – 3/1/26**

This week's message explored the identity battle every believer faces. Just as Jacob wrestled with God and walked away with a limp, we also wrestle with old identities, old mindsets, and old ways of thinking. God creates us in Christ, but He forms us into the image of His Son over time.

## **1. Created vs. Formed: The Identity Battle**

**Key Scriptures:** Isaiah 43:1, 2 Corinthians 5:16–17, Genesis 32, James 1:23–25

Jacob's story reveals the tension between who we were and who God is forming us to be. We often live from a separated sense of self rather than the image God is restoring.

### **Discussion Questions:**

- Where do you see the “Jacob identity” still influencing your decisions or emotions?
- James says we forget our true image. Why do you think that happens?
- Have you ever had a moment—an encounter, a word, a dream—that shifted how you saw yourself?

## **2. God's Desire: Christ Formed in You**

**Key Scriptures:** Romans 8:29, Philippians 1:6, Romans 12:1–2, Ephesians 4:23

Transformation is not behavior modification. It is identity formation. God does the work, but we participate by renewing the mind.

### **Discussion Questions:**

- What does “renewing the mind in the spirit” mean to you?
- How have you seen God change your thinking over time?
- What part of your identity in Christ feels the least formed right now?

## **3. Seeing God Clearly: A New Portrait**

**Key Scriptures:** Colossians 1:15–17, 1 John 4:8, 1 Corinthians 13:4–8, Ephesians 5:1

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We become like the God we behold. Seeing God through the person of Jesus Christ reshapes how we see ourselves.

## **Discussion Questions:**

- How has your view of God changed as you've grown spiritually?
- Which attribute of God revealed in Jesus is most meaningful to you right now?
- What new image of yourself is God inviting you to embrace?

## **4. The Obstacle: Warfare Against Your Identity**

**Key Scriptures:** Ephesians 6:10–18, Galatians 5:16–24, Proverbs 23:7

The enemy attacks identity. The flesh resists identity. The ego filters identity. The mind becomes the battleground.

## **Discussion Questions:**

- What part of the “old man” tries hardest to stay in control?
- How does your ego try to protect you, and how does it limit you?
- What helps you recognize when you're thinking from the flesh instead of the Spirit?

## **5. The Mind: Where Transformation Begins**

**Key Concepts:** Temple imagery, Mind of Christ, Inner room of identity, Philippians 4:8

Identity is revealed in the inner room of the mind. As identity shifts, thoughts shift, and life shifts.

## **Discussion Questions:**

- What practices help you quiet your mind and hear God?
- How does focusing on what is good (Philippians 4:8) reshape your inner world?
- Where do you sense God renewing your mind right now?

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## 6. Tools God Built Into Your Mind

**Key Concepts:** Cybernetics, RAS, Higher Faculties (Reason, Perception, Will, Memory, Imagination, Intuition)

As the mind renews, the higher faculties transform. We begin to see God's intent, hear His voice, and imagine His possibilities.

### Discussion Questions:

- Which higher faculty do you sense God developing in you right now?
  - How has your perception changed as you've grown spiritually?
  - What new possibilities are you beginning to imagine with God?
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## 7. Prayer, Communion, and Discernment

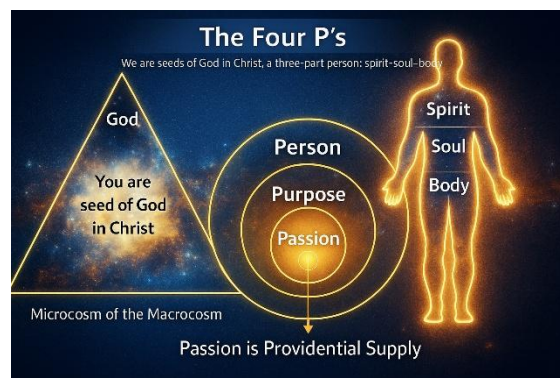
**Key Scriptures:** James 1:5, Psalm 46, Matthew 7:8–11, 1 John 5:14–15

God meets us in stillness. The Holy Spirit reveals motives, blind spots, and truth.

### Discussion Questions:

- What helps you be still before God?
  - How do you discern the Holy Spirit's voice from your own thoughts?
  - What wisdom are you asking God for in this season?
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## 8. Call to Action: The Four P's



**LOVE**

**ACCEPTANCE**

**FORGIVENESS**

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**Person — Purpose — Passion — Providential Supply**

Identity leads to purpose. Purpose ignites passion. Passion attracts God's supply.

## **Discussion Questions:**

- Which of the Four P's is clearest to you right now?
  - Which one needs more clarity or formation?
  - What step can you take this week to "hold your image" in Christ?
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## **10. Closing Encouragement**

Encourage the group to:

- Seek God for clarity of identity.
  - Walk in the Spirit and study love.
  - Quiet the mind and listen for God's voice.
  - Invite anyone who does not know Christ to receive His life.
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