



MESSAGE NOTES

PRACTICAL TEACHING FOR EVERYDAY LIVING

Title: **Identity: What is Really True About Me**
Series: **The Struggle is Real**
Text: **John 21:9-19**
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So, what does the resurrection have to do with my Identity?

Your search for identity began in the **FIRST MOMENTS** you were alive. God wired you that way.

- In the beginning God **SPOKE** all creation into existence. *“Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light.”* Genesis 1:3
- But then something changes and God forms a special being different from all the others. *“Then the LORD God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life.”* Genesis 2:7
- You are a child of God, created in the image of God and a **REFLECTION** of all the **GOODNESS** and **GLORY** of our Father the creator of all. *“So God created humankind in God’s image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.”* Genesis 1:27

Your identity can shape the whole course of your life, in ways that can bring **GREAT BLESSING** or **DEEP REGRET**.

The things said to us and done to us and things that just happened all around us can begin to **UNRAVEL THE MASTERPIECE** that God created in each of us.

Jesus’ death and resurrection weren’t just the payment for our sin, it was an invitation to a **WHOLE NEW WAY OF LIVING**, beginning to walk in the power of the Holy Spirit, to have our minds and hearts, our image of ourselves renewed, reshaped and restored.

THERE ARE 3 DIFFERENT WORDS IN THE GREEK LANGUAGE FOR LOVE.

- **EROS** for romantic love
- **PHILEO** for brotherly love
- **AGAPE** for the highest, most self giving, self sacrificial form of love.

In this encounter, Peter wasn't just being restored to the ministry. His **WHOLE IMAGE OF HIMSELF**, his sense of his worth was being completely transformed.

Peter would no longer be defined by all the things he had done or said, his successes or failures, but **BY LOVE**. His identity would be **FOUND AND FORMED IN CHRIST**.

QUESTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION IN THE WEEK TO COME!

- Whose words have had the greatest influence in shaping your identity?
- What events, moments or seasons have had the greatest influence in shaping your identity?
- Is there a language spoken by you or those around you that you recognize as poison to the image of God in you? How can you respond to that?
- Who speaks blessing to your life? How can you build on that?
- How can you invite the Spirit of God to continue to transform how you see yourself and those around you?