



## MESSAGE NOTES

PRACTICAL TEACHING FOR EVERYDAY LIVING

Title: **THE SEARCH FOR IDENTITY**  
Series: **Living Out Loud**  
Text: Psalm 8  
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### INTRODUCTION TO THE SERIES:

- **THE PSALM EXPRESS TWO SIDES OF THE CONVERSATION OF FAITH**
  - **YOUR VOICE** TO GOD
  - **GOD'S VOICE** TO YOU
- **THE GENERAL TYPES OF PSALMS**
  - **PSALMS OF ORIENTATION** - Human life consists in satisfied seasons of well-being that evoke gratitude for the constancy of blessing
  - **PSALMS OF DISORIENTATION** - Human life consists in anguished seasons of hurt, alienation, suffering, and death.
  - **PSALMS OF NEW ORIENTATION** - Human life consists in turns of surprise when we are overwhelmed with the new gifts of God, when joy breaks through the despair.

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### A PSALM OF DAVID - Psalm 8 (Psalm of Orientation)

**What is man** that you are **mindful** of him, the son of man that **you care for him?**  
(Ps 8:4)

### THREE BASIC APPROACHES TO SELF IDENTITY

- ***"I am what I \_\_\_\_\_" - Your IDENTITY is found in what you "GET"!***
- ***"I am what I \_\_\_\_\_" - Your IDENTITY is found in your deepest desires or feelings.***
- ***"I am \_\_\_\_\_ I say I am" - Don't try to find yourself. You create yourself.***  
*IDENTITY is never discovered. It's only constructed.*

## SO WHAT DOES GOD SAY TO US ABOUT OUR IDENTITY?

### 1. YOUR IDENTITY IS CONNECTED TO YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF \_\_\_\_\_ !

- *O Lord, our Lord, how **majestic is your name** in all the earth! You have set **your glory above the heavens**. (Ps 8:1).*
- *From the lips of children and infants **you have ordained praise** . . (Ps 8:2).*
- *When I consider your heavens, **the work of your fingers**, the **moon** and the **stars**, which **you have set in place**. (Ps 8:3).*

### 2. YOU ARE MADE IN THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF GOD!

- ***You made him** a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor. (Ps 8:5).*
- *So **God created man** in his own image, **in the image of God he created him**; male and female **he created them**. (Ge 1:27).*

### 3. YOU WERE MADE WITH EXTREME \_\_\_\_\_ AND \_\_\_\_\_

- *You made him **a little lower than the heavenly beings** and **crowned him with glory and honor**. (Ps 8:5).*

### 4. YOU HAVE BEEN GIVEN A \_\_\_\_\_ TO CARE FOR GOD'S CREATION

- *You made him **ruler over the works of your hands**; you put **everything under his feet**: all flocks and herds, and the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas. (Ps 8:6–8).*
- *God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; **fill the earth and subdue it**. **Rule over** the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground. (Ge 1:28).*

### 5. YOU SHOULD LIVE TO GIVE \_\_\_\_\_ AND \_\_\_\_\_ TO GOD!

- *O Lord, our Lord, **how majestic is your name in all the earth!** (Ps 8:9).*

***“If anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!”*** (2 Corinthians 5:17)