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Corinthians
growing pains

“I Am Who I Am” | Stephen Lu | October 26, 2025

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Leader: The Word of the Lord

Congregation: Amen! Praise be to God!

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Isaiah 53:5-6

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But he was pierced for our transgressions;
he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us
peace,
and with his wounds we are healed.

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All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned—every one—to his own way;
and the LORD has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

Matthew 12:40

⁴⁰ For just as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

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Acts 9:3-5

³ Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven shone around him. ⁴ And falling to the ground, he heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?” ⁵ And he said, “Who are you, Lord?” And he said, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting.”

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Our Testimony

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Application

- Meditate on what it means to have your identity in God through grace.
- Helpful verses
 - 1 Corinthians 15:10
 - Galatians 2:20
 - 2 Corinthians 5:17
 - Ephesians 2:10

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Share your testimony