

WHY?

EPISODE 3

WHY DID GOD MAKE ME?

Isaiah 49:1–5 Listen to me, all you in distant lands! Pay attention, you who are far away! The LORD called me before my birth; from within the womb he called me by name. He made my words of judgment as sharp as a sword. He has hidden me in the shadow of his hand. I am like a sharp arrow in his quiver. He said to me, “You are my servant, Israel, and you will bring me glory.” I replied, “But my work seems so useless! I have spent my strength for nothing and to no purpose. Yet I leave it all in the LORD’s hand; I will trust God for my reward.”

And now the LORD speaks— the one who formed me in my mother’s womb to be his servant, who commissioned me to bring Israel back to him. The LORD has honored me, and my God has given me strength.

UNRELIABLE SOURCES OF SELF CONFIDENCE:

- **APPEARANCE**

Proverbs 31:30 Charm can be deceptive and beauty doesn't last...

1 Samuel 16:7 Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.

- **ACQUISITIONS**

Proverbs 11:7 Confidence placed in riches comes to nothing.

- **ACHIEVEMENT**

Jeremiah 9:23–24 This is what the LORD says: “Don’t let the wise boast in their wisdom, or the powerful boast in their power, or the rich boast in their riches. But those who wish to boast should boast in this alone: that they truly know me and understand that I am the LORD who demonstrates unfailing love and who brings justice and righteousness to the earth, and that I delight in these things. I, the LORD, have spoken!”

RELIABLE SOURCES OF CONFIDENCE:

1. MY IDENTITY: GOD MADE ME UNIQUE.

Genesis 1:27 So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

Psalms 139:13–14 You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother’s womb. Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous—how well I know it.

2. MY VALUE: GOD PAID A HIGH PRICE FOR ME.

1 Peter 1:18–19 For you know that God paid a ransom to save you from the empty life you inherited from your ancestors. And it was not paid with mere gold or silver, which lose their value. It was the precious blood of Christ, the sinless, spotless Lamb of God.

3. MY PURPOSE: GOD HAS A PLAN FOR MY LIFE.

Ephesians 2:8–10 God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can’t take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. For we are God’s masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.