
NO FEAR

Part 2 - Kingdom Identity

While it might make a good movie plot, I somehow don't think Jesus had in mind that we would go through the whole of our lives hiding our identity, only to have it revealed at the last moment that we were a disciple of Jesus!

I think that kind of understanding and approach to faith comes from a misunderstanding of who we are when we are in a relationship with Jesus.

"Who do you think you are? God and the devil are asking you the same question" (Bill Johnson)

Your answer makes all the difference...

The Greatest Trick...

Fear paralyses our purpose.

Fear is just a counterfeit of the fear of God.

But how does that work out in practice?

A Person Can't Change What They Are...

Who we are at the core of ourselves, and what we believe about that, makes all the difference. Why this is a challenge, it's because the world thinks that's true – and it is to a certain degree. Inside, we can't change ourselves.

BUT - GOD can change you!

Convince Me... Tell Me Every Last Detail

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Colossians 1:9-14

It's A Family Business

John 1:12-13

Ephesians 1:3-9 (See Bible Streams Season 2, Episode 1)

Romans 8:15-17

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This is where our identity is absolutely key to dealing with fear in our lives.

God breaks fear in us when He makes us His children.

The amount of fear in your life right now is directly proportional to your proximity to Jesus.

Our identity is a weapon in our hands. Our identity is the tool that God gives us to fight back the advances of the world, the enemy, the things that set themselves up in opposition to the kingdom of God and His purposes for our lives.

Our identity then determines our activity.

Philippians 2:1-11

Practical Matters

Choose to agree with the simple, biblical truths. You are loved, you are valued, Jesus gave His life for you and now trusts you enough to give it back.

Choose to daily reflect on the truth of who you are in Him. Pray, meditate, wrestle, do almost anything but forget.

Start to make decisions and choose paths and activities that reflect the truth that you are God's.

Who I Am in Christ Jesus

- + I am a child of God (John 1:12)
- + I am in Christ Jesus (Ephesians 1:1)
- + I am a new creation in Christ (2 Cor 5:17)
- + I am an heir of God, a joint heir with Christ (Romans 8:17)
- + I know the riches of His inheritance in the saints (Ephesians 1:18)
- + I have been delivered from the domain of darkness and transferred to the kingdom of His beloved Son (Colossians 1:13-14)
- + I have obtained an inheritance (Ephesians 1:11)
- + I have peace with God through Jesus. (Romans 5:1)
- + I am forgiven of from the penalty of my sins (2 Corinthians 5:19)
- + I am set free by the truth (John 8:31-33)
- + I am now reconciled to God (Colossians 1:21)
- + I have the love of God that has been poured out in my heart (Romans 5:5)
- + I am freed from the power of sin (Romans 6:18, 1 Peter 2:24)
- + I am an ambassador for Christ (2 Corinthians 5:20)
- + I am more than a conqueror through Christ (Romans 8:37)
- + I am made alive with Christ (Ephesians 2:1)
- + I am a new person because my old self was crucified with Christ (Romans 6:6)
- + I am kept from the evil one (John 17:15)
- + I am inseparable from the love of God (Romans 8:35)
- + I am God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works (Ephesians 2:10)
- + I am led by the Spirit of God (Romans 8:14)
- + I have been reconciled to God through Christ (Romans 5:10)
- + I have eternal life in Christ Jesus (Romans 6:23)
- + I have been bought with a price (1 Corinthians 6:20)

- + I have wisdom as I try to know His will (Ephesians 1:8)
- + I have passed from death to life (John 5:24)
- + I have the great love of God bestowed on me, His child (1 John 3:1)

Discussion Questions

1. Has thinking about fear paralysed God's purpose for your life brought any clarity to areas where you are dealing with fear?
2. What are those areas where fear is stopping you responding to God's invitation to go deeper?
3. What do you really believe to be true about you? Don't just give a Bible answer, but be vulnerable: what are the things that you really believe?
4. Whose voice is that truth coming from? Is it God, or the enemy, or the world? Remember the Bill Johnson quote: "God and the devil are asking you the same question: Who do you think you are?"
5. How have you seen 'new creation' expressed in your life? What is new since you met Jesus?
6. How does it change the way you approach life, knowing that in Jesus you are a child of God?
7. What element of your identity is God offering to you as a weapon or tool in the season you are in?
8. Spend some time reflecting on the truths listed above. Which one stands out to you? Which one is God prompting you to really grab a hold of over the next short season? Pray for yourself, or others in a group setting, about these areas.