



Mid-week Bible Study - week commencing 19/04/21

Aligning with our God given identity

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Often the way we see ourselves is completely different from the way God sees us. Here are the lyrics from the final song of our online service. These words were written by Dennis Jernigan who has experienced great healing in his personal identity by grappling with this truth. You can hear his testimony on YouTube.

All I was I lay aside now dead to sin, to God alive! Born again into a new identity!
Once asleep to God in sin, now wakened by the blood and cleansed!
Born again to be who He called me to be!
All I have I lay aside, run the race to gain the prize, for the sake of knowing Jesus Christ in me!
I cannot yet fully see all I'm truly called to be, but knowing Christ reveals my hope and destiny!

He calls me child! He calls me to his side eternally! He calls what once was lost now found,
Once bound to sin - now free! He calls me holy! Calls me righteous! By the blood redeemed!
He calls me overcomer, crowned with victory! This is my destiny!

What once bound me is no more, what was stolen is restored, by the resurrection power of my King!
What was old has been made new, lies and doubts replaced by truth!
What was silent now resounds, "I am redeemed!"

He calls me servant, calls me warrior, calls me royalty!
He calls me resurrected one, He calls me His redeemed!
He calls me higher, calls me for beyond my wildest dream!
He calls my heart to come and be all he can see! This is my destiny!

He calls me chosen! New creation, trophy of his His grace!
He gives me strength to fight the fight, and run to win the race!
He tells me he delights in me while singing over me,
Accepting me as His beloved bride-to-be! This is my destiny! This is my destiny!



This song is jam packed with biblical truth and makes a great foundation to a bible study with Google!

Is there a particular name/title/concept within these words that you find easy or hard to accept?

The enemy doesn't want us to live in our true identity and one of the ways he keeps us away from our true identity is to give us a partially true identity. This jumped out at me this week while reading the words of Goliath in 1 Samuel 17:8 **Goliath stood and shouted to the ranks of Israel, "Why do you come out and line up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and are you not the servants of Saul? Choose a man and have him come down to me.**

Goliath refers to the children of Israel as "the servants of Saul" This is true to a point, but shifts their focus from God to a human king. When David confronts Goliath he doesn't go in the name of Saul, **but in the name of the LORD Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel** (verse 45) and we know what a difference that made!

Are you aware of areas in your life where you live, or have lived in a partially true identity?

Are you living under an identity that you know in your spirit doesn't fit with how God sees you?