

WEEK 2

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THE FATHER'S LOVE





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RISE UP AS SONS
AND DAUGHTERS OF
THE LIVING GOD

WHAT DOES THE WORD OF GOD SAY ABOUT WHO YOU ARE IN CHRIST?

Do you believe what the Word says about your identity in Christ? What other voices hinder us and stop us from taking a hold of the truth of our identity as revealed in God's Word? How can we step into everything Father God has prepared for His children?

We can let many voices speak into us today- the voices of friends, family, the culture and at times, we can even listen to the voice of Satan. How can we discern what is true and what is not?

“For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.” Hebrews 4:12 (NIV)

As followers of Jesus, we need to believe that the unadulterated word of God can cut and divide what is of man and what is of God.

“My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me.” John 10:27 (NIV)

When we hear God's Word, something should happen within a believer so that we know that His Word is truth. God made His truth to be something that cuts deeply into us and resonates with our spirits when we hear it. The reaction of a believer to the Word should be very different to the philosophy and doctrines of people.



He accepts you who for who you are in Christ. If you have faith in Jesus, He doesn't see your shame and past, He sees His Son Jesus Christ and He dearly loves his Son.

However, as believers of the truth, we still need to be careful of the deceitful lies of Satan, that would seek to imitate God's Word. Ever since the Garden of Eden, the Accuser has been lying to believers seeking to destroy them and their identity.

“He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.” John 8:44 (NIV)

Every believer should seek discernment when it comes to the lies of Satan, because his lies are not obvious at first but when believed can cause great error. He is a master deceiver, he will distort scriptures to try and lead many astray just as he tried to tempt Jesus in the desert (Matthew 4:1-11). His deceit is very subtle, yet very tactical and an absolute counterfeit of the truth. In this passage we see Satan lead with the phrase “If you are the Son of God then...”. Make no mistake, there is no IF regarding the identity of Jesus- Jesus WAS and STILL IS the Son of God! Just as Christ Jesus hasn't changed, Satan hasn't seemed to have changed much also.

The devil is still going after people's identity. He wants you to question your identity in Christ, which is why we need to spend time rooting ourselves in God's Word for who we really are in Him.

What does the Word of God say about your identity in Christ?

In today's digital and conference heavy age, many people can go running around chasing after the next "word" or "prophecy" to bring clarity for their lives. While the spiritual gifts have an important role for building the body of Christ, the Holy Spirit will never bring any new revelation that is contrary to the Word of God. The role of the Holy Spirit is to amplify and reveal what the Word of God already says about who we are in Him and bring life to our every situation.

In the movie *The Bourne Identity*, the main character Jason Bourne, spends much of his time seeking to find out his true identity. He becomes consumed with the desire to know who he really is.

When we are born again we are given a new identity. It is time for us to step into a fuller revelation of this new identity. By knowing more about our true identity in Christ, we can receive greater clarity and peace for our lives. The knowledge of our true identity can also help us step into the full measure of what God has called us for. The more we know who and whose we are, the more we can see what we were made for.

"In the world, people look for their identity in a job, a ministry or a even a subculture. As believers in Christ, we should only look for our identity in Him. What we do, day in and day out, should flow out of whose we are, rather than define who we are."

How we define ourselves will determine how we approach life.

If we think we are what we do, we will always do more to find our value. If we think we are what people say, we will always try and please people instead of please God.

What does the Word of God say about our identity?

We are children of God. (1 John 3:1)

We are a new creation. (2 Corinthians 5:17)

We are the righteousness of God. (2 Corinthians 5:21)

We are accepted in the Beloved. (Ephesians 1:6)



We are free from sin (Romans 6:20–22)

We are his workmanship and masterpiece (Ephesians 2:10)

We are co-heirs with Christ (Romans 8:17)

Do you believe what the Word of God says about your identity?

By discovering what God says about us, we can embrace His identity as sons and daughters of God and co-heirs with Christ. Knowing our identity can free us to carry out the good works that God has already prepared for us to do.

“Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father." So you are no longer a slave, but God's child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir." Galatians 4:6 (NIV)

Paul is saying here we are no longer slaves but sons. How does a son live differently to a slave? Sonship allows us to see ourselves as partners with God, rather than merely working for God, under bondage as we seek justification from our works.

“A slave does work to earn his living under obligation, a son is an owner and invests his time because he desires the wider benefit of his father’s business.”

One way of seeing sonship is as a partner with Christ, one where we are seeking to further our father’s business, the Kingdom of God. We aren’t “watching the clock” or worried about our “performance review”, we are in this venture with God. Our hope as sons and daughters of God is to see a growing and flourishing business for our Father.

If in such a company, you had a sense obligation, duty, and restriction, then you would be working as a slave, not a son or daughter. It’s time to move from a position of slavery to being a son and daughter of the King, so that we can see the expansion of His work, the Kingdom of God.

“Did you not know that I must be about My Father’s business?”

Luke 2:49 (NKJV)

Are you ready to step up as a son and daughter of God for the sake of His Kingdom?

Romans 8:19 (NIV) says, “For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed.” The earth is waiting for the rising up of sons and daughters and walk in their callings! Now is the time to step up and speak out as sons and daughters in our Father's Kingdom.

The expansion of the Kingdom of God on earth is our Father's main assignment. He wants to partner with you and all your siblings (the other sons and daughters), to see this assignment come to full completion. God is bringing His Kingdom on earth, and He is doing this right now through the Church, the body of Christ.

“Once, on being asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, Jesus replied, “The coming of the kingdom of God is not something that can be observed, nor will people say, ‘Here it is,’ or ‘There it is,’ because the kingdom of God is in your midst.” Luke 17:20-21 (NIV)

We are to be agents of the Kingdom and demonstrate His love, power and justice wherever we are as sons and daughters of the King of Kings.

Are you ready to take a step up for the Kingdom in 2019?

Here are the 3 activations for this week

ACTIVATION 1: DESTROY THE LIES WITH THE TRUTH

Write a list of lies that you could be believing and counter them with the truth of God's Word.

We live in a time of ever increasing information where “the spirit of the age” (the devil), is taking hold of media and spreading lies and deceit. As Christians, we need to be careful what we listen to and believe. Your heart is like a garden- what you plant in your heart, will grow. If you plant seeds of truth, you will reap a harvest of spiritual fruit in your life. If you sow deceit from worldly wisdom, you will reap a harvest of death that can have eternal consequences.

Take a piece of paper now and draw a line down the middle. On one side, write as a heading the word “LIES.” On the other side write the word “TRUTH”. Let the Holy Spirit reveal to you the lies you could be believing, then on the other side counter those lies with truth of God's Word. Pray that those lies would be broken by the truth of God's Word!

ACTIVATION 2: SEARCH FOR YOUR NEW IDENTITY IN CHRIST

Make a commitment to find out more of your true identity in Christ.

If you found out one morning you were in the family line of a King, what would you do? What would you want to know about your royal identity? How would that knowledge change your life? The truth is, when you came into the Kingdom, you were adopted into a royal family and now have access to royal blood, the blood of Jesus. You are now part of a new family and Kingdom where Jesus is the King, and you are His brother or sister. You can discover more about your new identity in this royal family by searching through the word of God. With this identity comes authority and with that authority comes responsibility. The King has delegated authority to you to see his Kingdom worked out on earth.

Start looking at the Word of God and you will find God revealing your new and true identity in Christ. Let the Word create a hunger for this truth and He will continually reveal your new identity in Him, to you.

As you find out who you are and your calling in Christ, prepare your heart for change and to move into all that God has called you for.

“But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.” 1 Peter 2:9 (NIV)

‘..you have come to your royal position for such a time as this.” Esther 4:14 (NIV)

ACTIVATION 3: STEP UP AS SONS AND DAUGHTERS IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD

Partner with Christ in the expansion of our Father's business, the Kingdom of God.

Know this, you have a part to play in His Kingdom. The Father wants his sons and daughters to expand the work of His Heavenly Kingdom. The Kingdom of God has rules and principles to live by, and this Kingdom comes with power, love, peace and justice. When people see the Kingdom of God demonstrated in the world, they will want to leave the Kingdom of darkness and enter this Kingdom of light. You are now a representative of this Kingdom and as you demonstrate His kingdom, be prepared to have people drawn towards entering His Kingdom with you!

Do you see yourself as a co-heir with Christ for the expansion of the Kingdom?

Romans 8:17 (NIV) says “Now if we are children, then we are heirs-heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.”

The Good News is, that when people repent and believe in Jesus as Lord, they get immediate access to the Kingdom of God. It's time to demonstrate this Kingdom of God and share the good news of Jesus as the only way to enter in.

Will you take a step up and represent His Kingdom in love, power and justice? Will you invite all those around you to enter this Kingdom of God? Will you share the Good News of the King and demonstrate His ways as a self-sacrificial and loving leader?

In a time of unstable political and economic leadership in Australia and the nations, there has never been a better time to show Jesus as the perfect leader for all people's lives.

Let's share Jesus with anyone who does not know him as Lord and King!



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10 March 2019

Pray that the lies of Satan will be exposed and taken captive.



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11 March 2019

Pray for the Spirit of revelation and wisdom to reveal our identity in Christ Jesus.



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12 March 2019

Pray that we will stand against Satan and his schemes.



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13 March 2019

Pray that the Holy Spirit will deepen your understanding that you are your Father's precious son or daughter.

A photograph of a forest path with large white numbers 9, 10, and 11 overlaid. The path is covered in fallen leaves and pine needles, leading through tall trees. The numbers are positioned on the left side of the page, with the text for each date to their right.

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14 March 2019

Pray our Father will enable us to reflect His likeness to live out our true identity, in how we think and act as His sons and daughters.

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15 March 2019

Pray for your identity in Christ to begin to affect your relationships, where you live, work and play, so you overflow His love - His Kingdom come.

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16 March 2019

Ask God to show you what He wants to set you free from so you can live abundantly.



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