



Session 6 - Identity

An oriented man knows

Who he is

Where he is

And the good that God
is up to in his life

Michael Thompson
Heart of a Warrior

The world of posers is shaken by a real man.
They'll do whatever it takes to get you "back in line."

Many of us have actually been afraid
to let our strength show up –
because the world doesn't have a place for it.

Let the people feel the weight of who you are.

John Eldredge
Wild at Heart

Identity

What does the word mean?

Dictionary.com

The condition or character as to who a person or what a thing is; the qualities, beliefs, etc., that distinguish or identify a person or thing.

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Except God.

Identity

According to God



The book *The Cure* by John Lynch is subtitled

What if God isn't who you think He is, and neither are you.

During COVID pandemic:

Divorce rates skyrocketed

Domestic and child abuse were at alarming levels

Alcohol sales were up as much as 500%

16% of all adults were drinking more

1 in 4 Millennials, 1 in 5 Gen Xers
Reported upping their alcohol intake

Today's male has lost his identity
We have forgotten who we are

Identity

Who am I

Purpose in life

What in the world am I supposed to do?

What in God's name am I supposed to do?

And from the beginning, God planned
on there being a you,
at this time,
at this place,
and for a specific purpose.

And to identify that purpose,
God gave you a new name.

“Who can give a man this, his own name? God alone. For no one but God sees what the man is.” – George MacDonald

“To the one who overcomes (conquers) I will give some of the hidden manna, and I will give to him a white stone, and a new name written on the stone which no one knows but he who receives it.” – Revelation 2:17

Genesis 1:26 and 27 – “Then God said, ‘Let us make man in Our image, according to our likeness...’

God made man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female he created them.”

Nomen est omen
Your name is *your* destiny



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St. Mary's Church in the hollow of the white hazel near a rapid whirlpool
and the church of St. Tysilio of the red cave

Ephesians 1:4 “He (God) chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him.”

Psalm 139:16 – “And in Your book were all written the days of my life, prepared for me before I lived even one day.”

Names:

Adam (from Adamah) – Means earth.

Eve – from the Greek symbiosis, or “living together.”
Eve literally means, “The mother of all life.”

Abram – high father

Abraham – the father of a multitude

Sarai – my princess

Sarah – Mother of nations

We know that the descendants of Abraham and Sarah formed many nations

Jacob.

Genesis 32:24-28

Living a lie after he swindled Esau out of his rightful inheritance

Wrestled with the pre-incarnate Christ

Admitted who he was – a liar (Jacob), and then God was able to do powerful things in Jacob's new name – Israel

Simon – Greek means “snub-nosed.” Knucklehead (Steve translation)

Simon – Hebrew: Simeon – God has heard

Peter – Jesus says, “You are Simon the son of John. You shall be called Peter.” – John 1:42

Peter means “Rock”

John 21 – Peter restored.

Peter, do you love me more than these?

(Insert your name), do you love Me more than these: your work, your family, your sports teams, your animals, your cars, hobbies, habits, likes, interests, TV shows... everything you tell people that you are?

Then put your identity in me only, and let everything else you wish to be come out of that.



Questions

- **What man “did you used to be” or might still be?**
- **What man do you believe God sees in you?**
- **What names have I believed and lived under that are not from God?**
- **God, what name do You want to speak to my heart; what name have You given me?**