



## Sermon Notes: Winning the Bible Way – Hello It's Me

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Text: **Judges 6: 11-12**

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**Message: Hello It's Me**

**Layers of Winning**

**Struggle:** Difficulties, tribulations, trials

**Strategy:** The Plan of God, His Will

**Providence:** Supernatural provision of God timing

**Self-Discovery:** Your identity. The qualities, beliefs, opinions, character, feelings, and talents that make a particular person different from others.

Self-Identity is how you identify and define yourself. It is your perception of specific and selective traits, qualities, abilities, and characteristics that represent you. ... You may not perceive or value some of the traits that make up your personal identity, so you do not incorporate them as part of who you are.

# Self-Discovery The Frame:

## God the Manufacturer, God of Eternity, God's Voice

### God The Manufacturer

He is not elected, can't be voted out. He was always and will always be. He is the creator, the manufacturer of all things living.

Psalms 100:3

Know ye that the LORD he *is* God: *it is* he *that* hath made us, and not we ourselves; *we are* his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

### God of Eternity

(Without understanding eternity, a lot of what God says will not make sense....) God lives in eternity. God is not subject to time. God exist outside of time. God lives in eternity.

2 Peter 3:8

But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

God is not subject to dates. God does not grow old.

God lives and operates outside of time. God lives and operates in eternity.

God can speak a word today and heal something in your past, and God can speak a word and unlock your future.

Eternity is the only way to describe God.

# We were formed in eternity. – He knew me

God named you and established your identity in eternity.

**Time:** blots out our ability to know what was before, limits us too today. We can't go backwards, and we can't go into tomorrow.

I was formed before I knew my mother.

Jeremiah 1:4-7

<sup>4</sup> Then the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

<sup>5</sup> Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.

<sup>6</sup> Then said I, Ah, Lord GOD! behold, I cannot speak: for I am a child.

<sup>7</sup> But the LORD said unto me, Say not, I am a child: for thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee, and whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak.

Your calling (God's plans for you) your purpose, your destiny, your provisional gifting (to make a living) and to contribute good of humanity (to meet a need).

We were created in eternity but placed in time.

## God's Voice hearing God's Call

You must hear God's Voice. It's where you will find out your identity. God's voice is where you obtain who you are in God and what he had called you to be and to do.

### John 10: 27

27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:

# Life is Discovery

Life is a discovery of who God is, and who you are, your purpose, your destiny

**Calling** – is more than going into ministry. Hearing the voice of God and accepting who God has named you. Call involves hearing the voice of the one who made you and freeing yourself of the labels that life has tried to place on you. Not accepting the false identity that life tries to convince you to buy into.

This calling can beckon you for any place, point or time in your life (good, bad, or ugly).

## **Lost is more than a Sinful State**

Lost is not possible, when you have a name, you have belonging, or a place

There is a famous saying "I once was lost, but now I am found." This is not 100% accurate. You were never lost, you were formed in eternity (given an identity, and placed in time, subjected to sin, through Adam treasonable act. Which spiritual disconnected us from God)

America was never lost, it was discovered, it was already in existence.

You discover who you are, when you hear and accept who God has called you.

**Note:** You can't do or sustain anything of sufficient without knowing your identity.

Hello, it's me!

## **Self-Discovery The Picture**

### Self-Identity is spiritual

1 John 3;8 King James Bible

He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

Acknowledging who God has design you to be is important because your assignment and purpose are attached to your identity.

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The reason many people lives go unfulfilled and family, ministry and business community go lacking is in some part due to people not walking in their identity.

Luke 9:18–20

18 Now it happened that as he was praying alone, the disciples were with him. And he asked them, "Who do the crowds say that I am?" 19 And they answered, "John the Baptist. But others say, Elijah, and others, that one of the prophets of old has risen." 20 Then he said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" And Peter answered, "The Christ of God."

## Identity is what God has called you.

### Romans 8: 29-30

<sup>29</sup> For whom he did **foreknow**, he also did **predestinate** to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

<sup>30</sup> Moreover whom he did **predestinate**, them **he also called**: and whom **he called**, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

**Foreknow:** to have previous knowledge of

**Predestinate:** determined beforehand

## The voice of my mother

I knew her voice, despite the noise, despite who I was with or what I was doing.

## People are Lost

- People are lost not just because of sin.
- People are lost for not receiving Christ as their savior.
- People are lost because they have not discovered who they are. People are lost because they are not walking in their identity.

## Identity Importance

Receiving a package, you must encounter the deliverer.

To receive salvation, we must see Jesus in his identity as the Christ.

If God has given you something to deliver to people. People must receive you in-light of your God given identity. If they are to receive what God has placed in you to give to them. They must see you in your God given identity.

And for you to deliver what God has in you, you must identify with your identity. You must accept and see yourself as who God called you to be.

**Some people will answer what God has called them to do, but never accept who God has called them.**

**Identity is so important it's at the fundamental steps in receiving salvation**

**Identify with Jesus Identity**

**Romans 10:9-10 KJV**

that if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

**1 John 4:15**

**Amplified Bible**

Whoever confesses *and* acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.

## Identity comes under attack

**Matthew 4:1-7**

Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.

<sup>2</sup> And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungred.

<sup>3</sup> And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread.

<sup>4</sup> But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

<sup>5</sup> Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple,

<sup>6</sup> And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.

<sup>7</sup> Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.

### **Matthews 13:15**

And they were offended in him. But Jesus said unto them, A prophet is not without honour, save in his own country, and in his own house.

### **Identity Theft:**

#### **Low self-esteem (Gideon not expecting much: the smallest tribe)**

### **Judges 6: 11-16**

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<sup>13</sup> And Gideon said unto him, Oh my Lord, if the LORD be with us, why then is all this befallen us? and where be all his miracles which our fathers told us of, saying, Did not the LORD bring us up from Egypt? but now the LORD hath forsaken us, and delivered us into the hands of the Midianites.

<sup>14</sup> And the LORD looked upon him, and said, Go in this thy might, and thou shalt save Israel from the hand of the Midianites: have not I sent thee?

<sup>15</sup> And he said unto him, Oh my Lord, wherewith shall I save Israel? behold, my family is poor in Manasseh, and I am the least in my father's house.

<sup>16</sup> And the LORD said unto him, Surely I will be with thee, and thou shalt smite the Midianites as one man.

### **Defense Mechanism used to become comfortable not walking in your God Given Identity**

- **Low self-esteem**
- **Smallest tribe (don't expect much)**
- **I am a minority**

**Are all defense mechanisms to deal with low perception of yourself**

**Don't trust the following:**

- **Your feelings**
- **Other opinions**
- **Resources**
- **Past experiences**
- **Victim mentality**

### **The importance of Identity ( who you see yourself can either bind or liberate by the you)**

Matthew 22:36-40  
King James Version

<sup>36</sup> Master, which is the great commandment in the law?

<sup>37</sup> Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

<sup>38</sup> This is the first and great commandment.

<sup>39</sup> And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

<sup>40</sup> On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

### Identity Quotes

*"It takes courage to grow up and become who you really are."*

*E.E. Cummings,*

*It's hard to be a diamond in a rhinestone world.*

*Dolly Parton*

*Consult God rather than popular opinions*

### Shinning Star – Earth, Wind, & Fire

You're a shining star  
 No matter who you are  
 Shining bright to see  
 What you could truly be  
 (What you could truly be)

### Affirm Your Identity Quotes (Thomas Jakes)

#### 1. Your relationship to yourself is of utmost importance

To fulfill your purpose, you must first know and celebrate your identity

#### 2. Be your own person

Your identity is not wrapped up in someone else it's distinctly yourself

#### 3. The changes you have always dreamed of are at your fingertips.

Get ready! Power is coming that will expose your true identity and unlock your purpose

#### 4. Never again shall you doubt your instincts!

There are people and situations that are just not ready for the Glory that you bring

**5. Everyday in every way, be true to yourself.**

No person, no leader... or no mentor has the ability, to fulfill your purpose for you.  
Only you have that power