



Part 5: IDENTITY CRISIS

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Our identity is formed by our:

- Choices
- Ability
- Family
- Character
- Education
- Wounds
- Ethnicity
- Beliefs
- Emotions
- Finances
- Position
- Occupation
- Past
- Habits
- Problems
- Sexuality

1. An encounter with Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ our true identity.

John 9: 6-11 Then he spit on the ground, made mud with the saliva, and spread the mud over the blind man's eyes. <sup>7</sup> He told him, "Go wash yourself in the pool of Siloam"(Siloam means "sent"). So the man went and washed and came back seeing! <sup>8</sup> His neighbors and others who knew him as a blind beggar asked each other, "Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?" <sup>9</sup> Some said he was, and others said, "No, he just looks like him!" But the beggar kept saying, "Yes, I am the same one!" <sup>10</sup> They asked, "Who healed you? What happened?" <sup>11</sup> He told them, "The man they call Jesus made mud and spread it over my eyes and told me, 'Go to the pool of Siloam and wash yourself.' So I went and washed, and now I can see!"

2. Jesus transforms us from a victim to a \_\_\_\_\_!

John 8:7-11 They kept demanding an answer, so he stood up again and said, "All right, but let the one who has never sinned throw the first stone!" <sup>8</sup> Then he stooped down again and wrote in the dust. <sup>9</sup> When the accusers heard this, they slipped away one by one, beginning with the oldest, until only Jesus was left in the middle of the crowd with the woman. <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus stood up again and said to the woman, "Where are your accusers? Didn't even one of them condemn you?" <sup>11</sup> "No, Lord," she said. And Jesus said, "Neither do I. Go and sin no more."

3. We each have a \_\_\_\_\_ in the identity we wear.

#### 4. The mirror of God's Word \_\_\_\_\_ us and reveals discrepancies.

James 1:22-25 But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves. <sup>23</sup> For if you listen to the word and don't obey, it is like glancing at your face in a mirror. <sup>24</sup> You see yourself, walk away, and forget what you look like. <sup>25</sup> But if you look carefully into the perfect law that sets you free, and if you do what it says and don't forget what you heard, then God will bless you for doing it.

John 8:31b-32 "You are truly my disciples if you remain faithful to my teachings. <sup>32</sup> And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

#### 5. When we \_\_\_\_\_ our challenges it creates a false identity.

- There is a big difference between:
  - "I failed" and "I am a failure".
  - "I made a mistake" and "I am a mistake".
  - "I lied" and "I am a liar".
  - "I'm broke" and "I am worthless".
  - "I have problems" and "I am the problem".
  - "I don't have money" and "I am poor".

#### 6. Many people are in need of a new identity and NAME change.

- Simon / Peter (Rock) Matthew 16:13-19
- Abram / Abraham (Father of Many)

Hebrews 11:12 And so a whole nation came from this one man who was as good as dead—a nation with so many people that, like the stars in the sky and the sand on the seashore, there is no way to count them.

Romans 4:17 That is what the Scriptures mean when God told him, "I have made you the father of many nations." This happened because Abraham believed in the God who brings the dead back to life and who creates new things out of nothing.

Romans 10:17 So faith comes from hearing, that is, hearing the Good News about Christ.

Mark 11:23 I tell you the truth, you can say to this mountain, 'May you be lifted up and thrown into the sea,' and it will happen. But you must really believe it will happen and have no doubt in your heart.

Romans 4:18-21 Even when there was no reason for hope, Abraham kept hoping—believing that he would become the father of many nations. For God had said to him, "That's how many descendants you will have!" <sup>19</sup> And Abraham's faith did not weaken, even though, at about 100 years of age, he figured his body was as good as dead—and so was Sarah's womb. <sup>20</sup> Abraham never wavered in believing God's promise. In fact, his faith grew stronger, and in this he brought glory to God. <sup>21</sup> He was fully convinced that God is able to do whatever he promises.

\*All scripture is the NLT version unless otherwise stated.

#### Check out these upcoming events:

DISCOVER 101- Discover if Rock Family Church is a match for you and your family by learning more about our vision, history, core beliefs, doctrine, finances, culture, church government, and leadership.

- November 4<sup>th</sup> – 10-11 AM - Woodmen Campus (Vail Room)
- November 6<sup>th</sup> – 6:45 PM - South Campus

#### SAVE THE DATE: VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION NIGHT

Join us on Friday, November 9, 2018, 6:30 PM at the Woodmen Campus for a Volunteer Appreciation Dinner in honor of all who serve at Rock Family Church.