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Series: ***Who Do You Think You Are?***

Title: ***Who Am I?***

Everything in your life starts with "I"

Your life is about "I"...a lot!

1 John 2:15-17 (NLT)

Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them. For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world. The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever.

Am I trying to *get* my way, or am I trying to *find* my way?

Am I the person that follows God where he is leading?

Or am I trying to get my way?

Exodus 3:10-11 (NLT)

“Now go, for I am sending you to Pharaoh. You must lead my people Israel out of Egypt.” But Moses protested to God...

When people are on strike, they are sensitive and angry.

Exodus 3:11 (NLT)

But Moses protested to God “Who am I to appear before Pharaoh? Who am I to lead the people of Israel out of Egypt?”

You are God’s...

- Masterpiece
- Champion
- Advocate

When you know WHO you are, you’ll know WHAT to do!

Acts 9:7-17 (NLT)

The men with Saul stood speechless, for they heard the sound of someone’s voice but saw no one! 8 Saul picked himself up off the ground, but when he opened his eyes he was blind. So his companions led him by the hand to Damascus. 9 He remained there blind for three days and did not eat or drink.10 Now there was a believer in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord spoke to him in a vision, calling, “Ananias!” “Yes, Lord!” he replied. 11 The Lord said, “Go over to Straight Street, to the house of Judas. When you get there, ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul. He is praying to me right now. 12 I have shown him a vision of a man named Ananias coming in and laying hands on him so

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he can see again.” 13 “But Lord,” exclaimed Ananias, “I’ve heard many people talk about the terrible things this man has done to the believers in Jerusalem! 14 And he is authorized by the leading priests to arrest everyone who calls upon your name.” 15 But the Lord said, “Go, for Saul is my chosen instrument to take my message to the Gentiles and to kings, as well as to the people of Israel. 16 And I will show him how much he must suffer for my name’s sake.” 17 So Ananias went and found Saul.

Ananias answered the question "Who am I?"

Ananias was trying to find God’s way.

As a believer, you never represent yourself. You always represent God.

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NLT)

This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!

2 Corinthians 5:19-21 (NLT)

For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people’s sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation. 20 So we are Christ’s ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, “Come back to God!” 21 For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.

Galatians 5:22 (NLT)

But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, and self-control.

Numbers 12:6 -8 (NLT)

If there were prophets among you, I, the Lord, would reveal myself in visions. I would speak to them in dreams. But not with my servant Moses. Of all my house, he is the one I trust. I speak to him face to face, clearly, and not in riddles! He sees the Lord as he is. So why were you not afraid to criticize my servant Moses?"

When you know who you are, you will know what to do!

Are you here today still trying to figure out who you are and wondering if God can use you?

Are you trying to find your way?

Romans 12:2 (NLT)

...let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God’s will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.