

I Believe

Bold Identity

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Message Thread: What I believe is reflected in my BOLD IDENTITY.

Identity: “*What a person is*” - Webster’s Dictionary

Key Text: Philippians 3:1 - 16 NLT

“Whatever happens, my dear brothers and sisters, rejoice in the Lord. I never get tired of telling you these things, and I do it to safeguard your faith...I once thought these things were valuable, but now I consider them worthless because of what Christ has done.”

Philippians 3:1 & 7 NLT

- **Identity is about WHAT I think is MOST valuable among many valuable things.**

“Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage, so that I could gain Christ and become one with him. I no longer count on my own righteousness through obeying the law; rather, I become righteous through faith in Christ.” Philippians 3:8 – 9a NLT

- **Identity is about WHO I place my faith in.**

“For God’s way of making us right with himself depends on faith. I want to know Christ and experience the mighty power that raised him from the dead. I want to suffer with him, sharing in his death, so that one way or another I will experience the resurrection from the dead! I don’t mean to say that I have already achieved these things or that I have already reached perfection. But I press on to possess that perfection for which Christ Jesus first possessed me.”

Philippians 9b – 12 NLT

- **Identity is about exercising my faith for WHO HE says I am.**
 - **He has written to me so I will know WHO and WHAT I was always meant to be.**

“No, dear brothers and sisters, I have not achieved it, but I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us. Let all who are spiritually mature agree on these things. If you disagree on some point, I believe God will make it plain to you. But we must hold on to the progress we have already made.” Philippians 3:13 – 16 NLT

Challenge:

-What is one STEP you can take into a bolder identity found in Jesus?



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