- 6) I can do all things through Christ (Philippians 4:13, Deuteronomy 20:4, 1 Corinthians 15:57)
- 7) I am remarkably made (Psalm 139:14, Psalm 139:1-24, Genesis 1:27)
- 8) I am extraordinary (Ephesians 2:10, Genesis 1:27)
- 9) I am provided for (Matthew 6:30-35, 2 Peter 1:3, Deuteronomy 20:4)
- 10) I am valuable (1 Peter 1:18-19, John 3:16, Psalm 56:8)
- 11) I am chosen (John 15:16, 1 Peter 2:9, Ephesians 1:4)
- 12) I am courageous (Deuteronomy 31:6, 2 Timothy 1:7)
- 13) I am a conqueror (Romans 8:37, Deuteronomy 20:4, 1 Corinthians 15:57)
- 14) I am strong (Deuteronomy 31:6, Psalm 138:3, Isaiah 40:30-31, 2 Corinthians 12:10)
- 15) I am forgiven (1 John 1:9, Ephesians 1:7, Colossians 3:13)
- 16) I am blameless (Ephesians 1:4, 2 Corinthians 5:17)
- 17) I am fearless (2 Timothy 1:7, Psalm 23:4, Psalm 56:3-4)
- 18) I am blessed (Ephesians 1:3, Matthew 5:1-48, 3 John 1:2)
- 19) I am righteous (Romans 1:5, 2 Corinthians 5:21)
- 20) I am pure (1 John 3:3,1 Peter 1:22)
- 21) I am patient (1 Corinthians 13:4, Galatians 6:9)
- 22) I am kind (Colossians 3:12, 1 Corinthians 13:4-5)
- 23) I am covered in God's armor (Ephesians 6:10-18, Psalm 18:2)
- 24) I am wrapped in God's arms (some translations say wings) (Psalm
- 91:4 TPT, Isaiah 25:4)
- 25) I am heard (Psalm 116:1-2, 1 John 3:22)
- 26) I am enough (2 Peter 1:3, 2 Corinthians 3:5, Colossians 2:10)
- 27) I am not alone (Deuteronomy 31:6, Isaiah 54:10, Psalm 48:14, Psalm 46:1-2)
- 28) I am healed (1 Peter 2:24, Isaiah 53:5, Psalm 147:3)
- 29) I am accepted (Romans 15:7, Romans 8:14-19, Romans 8:34, Ephesians 1:3-6, Colossians 1:21-22)
- 30) I have a future (Jeremiah 29:11, Romans 8:28, Philippians 1:6)
- 31) I am at peace (Philippians 4:6-7, Psalm 23, Matthew 6, Psalm 94:19)
- 32) I was created male or female (Genesis 1:27)

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This week read through the first 18 points and the verses connected. Think about the following thoughts.

- 1) Who are you in Christ?
- 2) Which one of these points is the most meaningful to you?
- 3) Which one is the most challenging to believe?

## The Stories That Remain

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The temptations of Jesus, Luke 4:3:

1. (Bread) Lust of the flesh: Satisfy the cravings of my physical body over and against the spiritual desire of God.

2. (Kingdoms) Lust of the eyes: Serving myself and my wants over the desire of God for my life.

3. (Jump) Pride of life: Create a crisis with my will to force God's hand. I'll do what I want and expect God to fix it.

### Thread: The question of "IF"

"Then Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan River. He was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where he was tempted by the devil for forty days...Then Jesus returned to Galilee, filled with the Holy Spirit's power." Luke 4:1 - 2 & 14 NLT

### A Psalm of David:

"O Lord, you have searched me and known me! You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar. You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O Lord, you know it altogether. You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it." Psalm 139:1 - 6 ESV

Who am I? I am His. I belong to God. God knows me better than I know myself.

"Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence? If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there! If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me. If I say, 'Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light about me be night,' even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is bright as the day, for darkness is as light with you." Psalm 139:7 – 12 ESV

Who am I? I am someone God chooses to be near. The ever-present parent

"For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well. My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth." Psalm 139:13 - 15 ESV

#### Who am I? I am "fearfully and wonderfully made".

- I am a choice God made.
  - He took energy to initiate and finish me.
  - You came from a heart expressing love.
- "Fearfully" ٠
- "Wonderfullv"
- My "soul" is meant to be connected to God. ٠

"Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them. How precious to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! If I would count them, they are more than the sand. I awake, and I am still with you." Psalm 139:16-18 ESV Who am I? A unique and creatively written story of one intended to walk with God.

- He took time to envision me.
  - David wants to know what those thoughts are.
- Just when it all seems a dream...David awakes, and God is still • present.

"Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!" Psalms 139:23 - 24 ESV

#### Who am I: Capable of straying from the storyline.

• One who needs to be searched, known and lead.

### Challenge

-Who am I? Is your answer healthy? -How does Jesus lead you to think differently about yourself?

## Life Group Homework The Stories That Remain Spring 2023 | Week 6 Message Date 5/7/2023

# MY STORY

1) Are you a cat person or a dog person?

2) What's the weirdest food you've ever eaten?

QUICK REVIEW



3) What caught your attention from Sunday's message?

# DIGGING DEEPER / TAKING IT HOME



We're going to be unpacking our identity and who the Bible says we are. I wanted to give you some pretty extensive resources. We'll only be unpacking the first half of the list this week; we'll finish the second half next week. With each point we are going to ask two questions:

> 1) Paraphrase the verse (put it in your own words). What does the verse mean? 2) How does this apply to us personally?

Answer these same two questions for numbers 1-18 below, we will do the rest next week.

1) I am a Son/Daughter of God (Ephesians 1:5, Romans 8:14-19, Galatians 4:5-7, Psalm 27:10) 2) I am a child to the King of Kings (1 Peter 2:9, Galatians 4:5-7, John 1:12, Romans 8:14-19) 3) I am passionately loved (Romans 8:38, Psalm 56:8, Isaiah 43:4) 4) I am a new person in Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17, Isaiah 43:18-19) 5) I am not weary (Galatians 6:9, 2 Thessalonians 3:13, Matthew 11:28,

Psalm 94:19)