THE BATTLE FOR YOUR IDENTITY



SERIES TITLE: The Battle For Your Identity

SERMON TITLE: Found In Him

SERIES KEY TEXT (NKJV): Genesis 3:1-8

OTHER TEXTS (NKJV, NLT): Galatians 6:14-15, Galatians 3:26-29, Philippians 3:1-11, 1 Samuel 9:21, Judges 6:15

Big Idea: Our identity is at the center of a spiritual battle. The enemy seeks to deceive us into believing lies about ourselves, making us feel deficient and tempting us to seek fulfillment outside of God's truth. However, God has already spoken powerful truths about who we are: loved, valued, forgiven, and made righteous in His image. We must be equipped to stand firm in our God-given identity, countering lies with His Word. Just as Jesus overcame temptation by holding onto God's truth, we can also confidently reject false identities and live out the fullness of who God has declared us to be.

In this last sermon of the series, Pastor Walker teaches that our true identity is found in Christ alone, not in our achievements, heritage, or other sources.

Genesis 3:1-8 NKJV

Now, the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden'?" And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; but of the fruit of the tree, which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.' Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. For God knows that in the day you eat of it, your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So, when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked, and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings. And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.

God Bless You!

The Connection Groups Office

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<u>Leader Heads-Up</u>: Every check-in helps us track members' engagement and consistency— Don't forget to take attendance!

A. Start Talking

What practical steps will your group take this month to collaborate with other CGs in your Zone to plan for effective Outreach and Evangelism activities this year?

B. Start Thinking

- 1. Read **Philippians 3:7-9 NLT**. What parts of your identity are linked to your achievements and accomplishments? Do those aspects feel more important than your Biblical identity?
- 2. What is the one mindset shift you need to make to fully embrace your identity in Christ? What steps will you take to align decisions with your identity in Christ? Read Galatians 6:14-15 NKJV
- **3.** Read **Galatians 3:26-27 NKJV**. Share when you re-plugged your identity into God's truth and how it affected a decision or relationship.

C. Start Praying

Pray that you will embrace your identity in Christ, letting go of worldly status and achievements.

D. Start Doing

- **1. Embrace** your identity in Christ by rejecting labels from your past and focusing on who God says you are.
- **2. Count** worldly achievements as loss and prioritize knowing Christ above personal status, heritage, or performance.
- **3. Reject** false sources of identity and stop seeking approval from people, instead finding security in being a new creation in Christ.
- **4.** Use your position and gifts to serve others and follow Jesus' example of humility.

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