

Identity Trap

Don't Let the World Name You

Truth is that this insane world we live in today is super quick to slap a label on your back quicker than the blink of an eye. Label's based on your past, your failures, your current situations and your pain.

It'll say you are defined by your job, trauma, and pain. Even the bottle and the bag.

We fall into this deceitful trap when we begin to believe the worlds version of who we are instead of God's.

But here is the truth. You are not what culture calls you. Not what your friends or family call you. Not what those doubts whisper in your ear constantly. Not what your past is screaming, or your current is saying.

You are who God says you are. 1st Peter 2:9

- ❖ Chosen
- ❖ Redeemed
- ❖ New
- ❖ Beloved

You weren't created to blend in; you were set apart. Your identity isn't something you earn, it's received. And it comes from **the One who formed you**. Chew on the magnitude of that for a second. You were formed on purpose for purpose.

So, the next time you feel the pressure to conform, perform or just to prove yourself again. Pause for ten seconds. Breathe. And remind your soul: you already have an identity; you belong to Jesus.

Truth Bomb. The enemy doesn't need to destroy you; he just needs you to forget who you are. You're not your past. You're not your pain. You're not the names they gave you. You're a child of God, fearfully, wonderfully, and intentionally made. You were born to reflect heaven on earth. You are royalty walking around undercover in a world that has forgotten what a crown looks like. So, rise. Speak life when others are speaking fear. Stand firm when the world is shaking around you. **Remember. The cross didn't just forgive your sins; it restored your identity.**

Stop trying to find yourself in those broken places, you've already been found by grace.

You are called. You are chosen. So don't just live life surviving. Live life thriving. Thriving to become the person you were always meant to be.

The trap is bondage and the **truth is freedom**. You weren't born to be labeled; you were born to be called.

So, walk in that truth, live in that truth and you will see things begin to change for you. I can say that because I'm living that.

And never, never, never let the world name what only God has the authority to define.

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