

Family Ties

Family Ties - May 1, 2016 - "It's Who I am"

Introduction

Basic knowledge of the Scriptures will quickly reveal that God created us to be relational creatures. Relationships are the foundation for our development as a person. We all know that throughout life you will have multitudes of shallow or surface type relationships (***Some may prove to be very important--That one time meeting or short lived acquaintance with someone that made a profound impact on your life***). God intended for relationships to be long-----life long--lasting--that which would endure the test of time / challenges of life.

- Especially in the dynamics of a family

Discussion Questions

1. Do you feel settled your answer for Who Am I? Do you feel secure in your identity?
2. Do you feel you may have some negative baggage you carry from your family experience?
3. Talk about your identity being a battle ground. Do you ever feel someone or some group is trying to define you or give you an identity that is not true to who you really are?
4. Talk about what it means to you to be in the family of God.
5. Do you feel you find your personal identity in the Gospel of Christ and your position in His family?

Moving Forward

Spend time each day this week reading and meditating on these truths about your identity as a believer. When you finish going over these truths...say to yourself...It's Who I AM!!!

1. I am born into the Royal Family--[John 3:6](#) "That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit."
2. I am a child of the Creator God--[John 1:12](#) "But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:"
3. I have 24/7 access to My Father--[Hebrews 4:16](#) "Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need."
4. My Older Brother (Jesus) is interceding for me--[Romans 8:34](#) "It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us."
5. I am surrounded by family members who love me unconditionally--[Romans 8:38-39](#) For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.----[John 13:34](#) "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another." (The Church)

Changing Your Mind - Commit this to memory

Don't just commit this to memory--Let it become your answer for personal identity.

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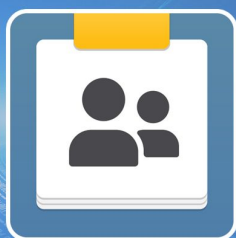
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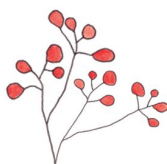
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