



## MY SPACE

### Part 5: "My Identity"

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### THE MOST DANGEROUS ENEMIES ATTACKING OUR IDENTITY ARE...

- **COMPARISON**

*"Make a careful exploration of who you are and the work you have been given, and then sink yourself into that. Don't be impressed with yourself. Don't compare yourself with others. Each of you must take responsibility for doing the creative best you can with your own life."*

**Galatians 6:4-5 (MSG)**

- **CONFUSION**

- **CONFLICT**

*"Come close to the one true God, and He will draw close to you. Wash your hands; you have dirtied them in sin. Cleanse your*

*heart, because your mind is split down the middle, your love for God on one side and selfish pursuits on the other.*"

**James 4:8 (TVB)**

- **CONFORMITY**

*"Then Pilate asked the crowd again, 'So what should I do with this man you call the king of the Jews?' They shouted, 'Crucify him!' Pilate asked, 'Why? What wrong has he done?' But they shouted even louder, 'Crucify him!' Pilate wanted to please the crowd, so he freed Barabbas for them. After having Jesus beaten with whips, he handed Jesus over to the soldiers to be crucified."*

**Mark 15:12-15 (NCV)**

## **THE MOST POWERFUL WAY TO FIGHT FOR MY IDENTITY IS...**

### **1. ...CONSIDERING WHO CREATED ME AND WHY**

*"God spoke: 'Let us make human beings in our image, make them reflecting our nature, so they can be responsible for the fish in the sea, the birds in the air, the cattle, and, yes,*

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Earth itself, and every animal that moves on the face of Earth. God created human beings; he created them godlike, reflecting God's nature. He created them male and female.

God blessed them: 'Prosper! Reproduce! Fill Earth! Take charge! Be responsible for fish in the sea and birds in the air, for every living thing that moves on the face of Earth.'"

**Genesis 1:26-28 (MSG)**

**2. ...CONFIDENCE IN WHAT I'M CAPABLE OF DOING**

"Look carefully at your call, brothers and sisters. By human standards, not many of you are deemed to be wise. Not many are considered powerful. Not many of you come from royalty, right? But celebrate this: God selected the world's foolish to bring shame upon those who think they are wise; likewise, He selected the world's weak to bring disgrace upon those who think they are strong."

**1 Corinthians 1:26-27 (TVB)**

**3.**

*"I know how to live on almost nothing or with everything. I have learned the secret of contentment in every situation, whether it be a full stomach or hunger, plenty or want; for I can do everything God asks me to with the help of Christ who gives me the strength and power."*

**Philippians 4:12-13 (TLB)**

**3. ...COURAGE TO DO WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE**

*"Keep your eyes open for spiritual danger; stand true to the Lord; act like men; be strong; and whatever you do, do it with kindness and love."*

**1 Corinthians 16:13-14 (TLB)**

*"And know this: in the last days, times will be hard. You see, the world will be filled with narcissistic, money-grubbing, pretentious, arrogant, and abusive people. They will rebel against their parents and will be ungrateful, unholy, uncaring, coldhearted, accusing, without restraint, savage, and haters of anything good. Expect them to*

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*be treacherous, reckless, swollen with self-importance, and given to loving pleasure more than they love God. Even though they may look or act like godly people, they're not. They deny His power. I tell you: Stay away from the likes of these."*

**2 Timothy 3:1-5 (TVB)**

*"The wicked run away even when no one is chasing them; the right-living, however, stand their ground as boldly as lions."*

**Proverbs 28:1 (TVB)**