



The Word at Work

Who I am not do I am

Reading the word

Key Scripture: Eph 2: 10 2 Sam 9: 1-13 Heb 11: 23-27

Key Point: Who I am will determine what we do in life. How we think, react, live, and see ourselves will rotate round who we are in Christ or more importantly what we choose to believe we are in Christ.

Let's first settle the issue: Eph 2: 10 (New Living translation) says "We are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so that we can do the good things he planned for us long ago".

In other words we are not a mistake, an accident, or freak of nature. We are a skilled piece of work; we have a fresh start and are part of God's master plan.

However life's experiences will always try to negate this

2 Sam 9 1-13 tells the story of David's kindness to Mephiboseth (Jonathans son who was born crippled)

Vs 7 I will restore to you all the land your family once had. God wants to restore to us our inheritance. Areas of life we once ruled are ours in Christ. God also reminds us that we will always sit at his table.

Vs 8 Mephiboseth says "What is your servant that you should notice a dead dog like me"? His 'Who I am' said I'm nothing only fit to crawl round the floor and eat crumbs from the table. I'm not fit to be noticed. He knew he was crippled and therefore had decided he was not worthy.

We can become disabled in our thinking we see ourselves as not worthy because of past failures, inabilities, or weakness. We therefore see ourselves as less than perfect and cannot imagine why God would want to bless and care for us. This thinking will determine what we do with our lives.

Heb 12 1&2 Tells us to run the race and fix our eyes on Jesus. In other words don't focus on what's wrong with us instead fix your eyes on what's right with God.

Heb 11: 23-27 Moses knew who he was.

Vs 23 Says he was an ordinary child. God's word over us is we are no ordinary child.

Vs 24 He knew who he was. Everyone else thought he was an Egyptian but he was really a Hebrew. He had to make a choice and decide what am I going to do with my life. You're who I am will affect your do I am.

Vs 25 he chose to go God's way. When you know who you are nothing will stop you.

Vs 24 says "When he had grown up" It's important we reach maturity and make mature choices

V 26 & 27 says "He was looking ahead & he persevered because he saw. Who you are helps you see where you are and where you are going.

In Gen 13: 14 & 15 God tells Abram to "Lift up your eyes from where you are". God says to us: Remember who you are and look at what lies ahead and is promised to you.

Lastly Isaiah 61: 10 says "He has clothed me with garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of righteousness. This is who I am

Doing the word

To Discuss:

1. What does the statement we are God's Masterpiece and he has created us anew in Christ mean to you
2. How can we make sure that we see ourselves as we really are

To Do:

1. What ways of thinking do you need to adopt and change to realise who you are in Christ
2. Find at least 3 more verses in Romans 8 that tell you who you are and or what you can do in Christ

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