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DAY 1

Identity in Christ

I Am Who He Says I Am



Scripture: 2 Corinthians 5:17; Ephesians 1:4-6; 1 Peter 2:9

REFLECTION

Most of us learn who we are from what we do, what others say about us, or what we have been through. Scripture offers a different starting point. In Christ, we are a new creation. The old has passed away, and the new has come. Before we accomplished anything, we were chosen, loved, and adopted as God's own children.

Peter calls us a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own possession. That is not a title we earn. It is a description of what God has already declared. When we embrace that identity, we stop striving to prove ourselves and begin living from the security of belonging to Him.

Today, let His voice be louder than every other voice. You are not what you have done, and you are not what has been said about you. You are who He says you are.

JOURNALING QUESTIONS

- Which voices have shaped how I see myself? Which of them agree with what God says about me?
- What would change in my day if I fully believed I am chosen, loved, and set apart?
- Which truth from today's Scripture do I most need to hear?

DAILY DECLARATIONS

- I am a new creation in Christ.
- I am chosen, loved, and set apart.
- I walk in my God-given identity.
- I am more than a conqueror.
- I belong to Jesus.

DAILY PRAYER

> *Father, thank You for making me Your child. Help me to fully embrace my identity in Christ, to live confidently as You have declared, and to walk in the purpose You have for me. Amen.*

CARRY IT WITH YOU

Speak one declaration aloud each time you feel uncertain today.

DAY 2

Walking in God's Purpose

Created with Intention



Scripture: Jeremiah 29:11; Ephesians 2:10; Proverbs 3:5-6

REFLECTION

You were not an accident. Paul writes that we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared in advance for us to walk in. The works were prepared before we arrived. Our part is to walk in them, step by step.

That step-by-step quality matters. God rarely gives us the whole map. Proverbs tells us to trust in the Lord with all our heart, not to lean on our own understanding, and to acknowledge Him in all our ways, and He will make our paths straight. Direction comes through trust, one faithful step at a time.

When the way is unclear, remember Jeremiah's word to exiles who could not see their future: God knows the plans He has for you, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. Your life has meaning because He gave it meaning.

JOURNALING QUESTIONS

- Where in my life am I waiting for the whole map before I take the next step?
- What good work might God have prepared for me that I have been avoiding or overlooking?
- How can I acknowledge Him in one specific decision today?

DAILY DECLARATIONS

- I am created on purpose for a purpose.
- I will trust God's plan for my life.
- He directs my steps.
- I will walk in obedience and seek His will.
- My life brings glory to God.

DAILY PRAYER

> *Lord, thank You for giving my life purpose. Help me to trust Your plan, even when I don't understand. Guide my steps, open the right doors, and give me courage to walk boldly in the purpose You've placed in me. Amen.*

CARRY IT WITH YOU

Take one small step of obedience today that you have been putting off.

DAY 3

Victory Over the Enemy

Through the Power of Jesus



Scripture: Luke 10:19; Ephesians 6:10-18; 1 John 4:4

REFLECTION

The Christian life includes real opposition, but it is never a fair fight. Jesus told His disciples that He had given them authority over the power of the enemy. John reminds us that the One who is in us is greater than the one who is in the world.

Paul tells us how to stand: be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might, and put on the whole armor of God. Truth, righteousness, the gospel of peace, faith, salvation, and the Word of God are not decorations. They are provisions for daily use. We do not fight for victory. We fight from the victory Christ has already won.

Resisting the enemy begins with agreeing with God. When a lie rises, answer it with what God has said. James says to resist the devil, and he will flee. Stand firm today, not in your own strength, but in His.

JOURNALING QUESTIONS

- What lie have I been tempted to believe lately? What does Scripture say in answer?
- Which piece of the armor of God do I most often leave off?
- What would it look like to stand firm instead of striving today?

DAILY DECLARATIONS

- I have authority in the name of Jesus.
- I am protected by the armor of God.
- No weapon formed against me will prosper.
- I resist the enemy, and he flees.
- I walk in victory, not defeat.

DAILY PRAYER

> *Jesus, thank You for giving me authority over the enemy. Help me to stand firm in Your truth, to put on Your armor daily, and to live in the victory You have already won for me. Amen.*

CARRY IT WITH YOU

When a discouraging thought arrives, answer it aloud with a verse.

DAY 4

Peace in Every Season

His Peace Guards My Heart



Scripture: John 14:27; Philippians 4:6-7; Isaiah 26:3

REFLECTION

The peace Jesus gives is not the world's kind. The world's peace depends on calm circumstances. His peace depends on His presence, which means it can be ours in the middle of the storm. Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid."

Paul shows us the path: do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. The result is a peace that surpasses understanding, and it stands guard over our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Isaiah adds the key: God keeps in perfect peace those whose minds are stayed on Him. Peace follows attention. What we fix our minds on will either steady us or shake us. Turn your eyes to Him today.

JOURNALING QUESTIONS

- What is weighing on my mind right now that I need to hand over to God?
- Where do I look for peace first, and does it last?
- What would it mean to keep my mind "stayed" on Him in this season?

DAILY DECLARATIONS

- I choose God's peace today.
- My mind and heart are guarded in Christ.
- I will not be anxious, but will trust God.
- His peace sustains me in every season.
- I rest in His perfect peace.

DAILY PRAYER

> *Lord, thank You for Your peace that surpasses all understanding. Help me to keep my mind on You, to release my worries, and to trust You in every season. Let Your peace guard my heart and mind today. Amen.*

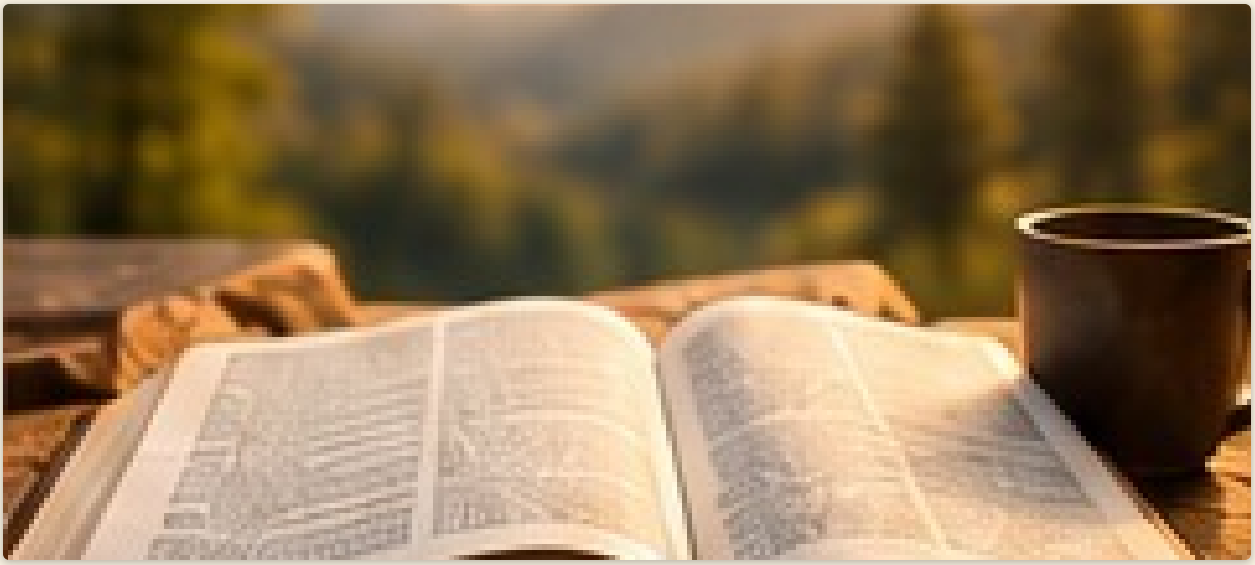
CARRY IT WITH YOU

Name one worry out loud, then give it to God in a one-sentence prayer.

DAY 5

Abiding in His Word

The Source of Life



Scripture: John 15:7; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; Psalm 119:105

REFLECTION

To abide means to remain, to stay close and keep returning. Jesus said, "If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you." Abiding in Christ and abiding in His Word go together.

Scripture is God-breathed and useful for teaching, reproof, correction, and training in righteousness, so that the person of God may be complete, equipped for every good work. It is not only information. It is living and active, shaping us as we read.

The psalmist says God's word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. A lamp lights the next step, not the whole road. Come to the Word today expecting light for today, and let it lead you closer to Him.

JOURNALING QUESTIONS

- What place does Scripture have in my daily rhythm, and what would help it grow?
- Which verse has been a lamp to my feet in a recent season?
- What is one truth from the Word I want to meditate on all day?

DAILY DECLARATIONS

- I will delight in God's Word.
- His Word is a lamp to my feet.
- I am strengthened and renewed by Scripture.
- I will meditate on His truth daily.
- I abide in Christ, and His Word abides in me.

DAILY PRAYER

> *Father, thank You for Your Word. Help me to read, meditate, and apply it to my life. Open my understanding, strengthen my faith, and let Your truth guide me in every area. Amen.*

CARRY IT WITH YOU

Choose one verse from today and read it again before bed.

DAY 6

Christ Stands Before the Father for Us

Our Eternal Advocate



Scripture: Romans 8:34; Hebrews 7:25; 1 John 2:1-2

REFLECTION

When we fail, the enemy accuses. But we have an Advocate. John writes that if anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous, and He is the propitiation for our sins. Our standing before God does not rest on our record. It rests on His.

Paul asks, "Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died, more than that, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us." Hebrews says He always lives to make intercession for those who draw near to God through Him.

This means you are never praying alone. Jesus stands before the Father, presenting His finished work and pleading His righteousness on your behalf. Approach the Father today with confidence, not because of what you have done, but because of who is speaking for you.

JOURNALING QUESTIONS

- Where have I let guilt or accusation keep me at a distance from God?
- What does it mean to me that Jesus is interceding for me right now?
- How can I approach the Father with greater confidence today?

DAILY DECLARATIONS

- Jesus is my Advocate before the Father.
- I am covered by His righteousness.
- He intercedes for me, and I am never alone.
- I have access to the Father through Him.
- I am confident in His finished work.

DAILY PRAYER

> *Lord Jesus, thank You for standing before the Father for me. Thank You for interceding on my behalf, for covering me with Your righteousness, and for giving me access to the Father. Help me to live in the confidence of Your finished work and to rest in the truth that You are always speaking for me. Amen.*

CARRY IT WITH YOU

When guilt rises today, answer it with the words "Jesus is speaking for me."

DAY 7

A Life of Gratitude

A Heart That Always Gives Thanks



Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18; Psalm 100:4; Colossians 3:15

REFLECTION

Paul's instruction is simple and demanding: rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Gratitude is not a feeling that waits for good news. It is a choice that keeps our focus on God.

The psalmist says to enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise. Thanksgiving is the doorway into His presence. It reminds us of His faithfulness, aligns our hearts with Him, and positions us to see more of His goodness.

As this week closes, look back. You were reminded of who you are, why you are here, whose power is yours, where your peace comes from, what feeds you, and who stands for you. Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly, and let the peace of Christ rule in your heart. Give thanks.

JOURNALING QUESTIONS

- What are five specific things I am thankful for today?
- Where has God been faithful to me this week, and how can I declare it?
- What difference would a thankful heart make in the situation I am facing now?

DAILY DECLARATIONS

- I have a heart of gratitude.
- I will give thanks in all circumstances.
- I will remember and declare God's faithfulness.
- Gratitude keeps my heart aligned with God.
- I choose to see His goodness daily.

DAILY PRAYER

> *Father, thank You for Your goodness, faithfulness, and love. Help me to always have a grateful heart, to give thanks in every situation, and to remember all that You have done. Let my life be a testimony of Your faithfulness. Amen.*

CARRY IT WITH YOU

Write a thank-you note or send a message of gratitude to someone today.

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