

Message Notes

Reclaiming Our Identity

Mark 1:9-15

- Monday:** Genesis 1:26-31—Dwell on the wonder of being created in the image of God. How does this inform your identity?
- Tuesday:** Psalm 8—The psalmist offers praise to God and the humbling reality of God's thoughts of human beings, as well as their responsibility for his creation. How does this Psalm speak to your understanding of our identity as humans?
- Wednesday:** Psalm 139:1-18—The psalmist sings of the God's love for humans, his nearness, and the intimacy God desires to have with his human creatures. Join me in praying this prayer throughout the day from Dr. Maxie Dunnam's Workbook on the 7 Deadly Sins: "I Am A Unique, Unrepeatable Miracle of God" (Nashville: Upper Room 1997). Continue to use this prayer as a breath prayer throughout the week.
- Thursday:** John 17—This chapter of John contains a prayer Jesus prays for his followers. As you read this passage take note of the fact that Jesus' prayer extends to us (v. 20). Try to imagine the emotions and feelings that are behind this prayer as Jesus prays for our oneness with him and the Father. What does this say about your value in God's eyes?
- Friday:** Romans 8:35-39—The Apostle Paul passionately argues that God's love for us cannot be constrained by our circumstances. What are the circumstances that cause you to doubt God's love for you in Christ Jesus? Surrender these circumstances to your loving God.
- Saturday:** Galatians 3:26-29—Paul writes to the Church that our identity in Christ supersedes any other identity we might cling to and any label that we are tempted to embrace. Embrace the reality that through your faith in Christ, you are an heir to God our King and loving Father. As an heir of God how will you live your life?



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