



TRANSFORMED SERIES: “REDFINED” – letting God define who I am

INTRO/SERIES SUMMARY:

WE ARE LEARNING THAT A RELATIONSHIP WITH DOESN'T CHANGE *SOME* THINGS ABOUT US – IT CHANGES EVERYTHING ABOUT US

WHEN I THINK ABOUT WHAT IT MEANS TO KNOW AND FOLLOW JESUS – I CAN BOIL IT DOWN TO TWO WORDS: *SALVATION and TRANSFORMATION*

IN FACT, THE BIBLE SAYS A BELIEVER CAN'T HAVE A RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS WITHOUT TRANSFORMING:

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NASB)

Therefore if anyone is in Christ, ^{he} is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.

CHRIST WANTS TO REDEFINES US AT EVERY LEVEL.

THIS MORNING WE ARE GOING TO TALK ABOUT ONE OF THE BIGGEST WAYS HE DOES THAT ... AND THAT IS IN THE AREA OF HOW WE THINK ABOUT, HOW WE DEFINE, AND HOW SEE OURSELVES – OUR IDENTITY

POWERFUL TRUTH YOU WILL HEAR OVER AND OVER AGAIN HERE AT CROSSLINE – THE TRUEST THING ABOUT YOU IS WHAT GOD SAYS IS TRUE.

WHY DO WE DRILL DOWN ON THAT SO MUCH? IT'S BECAUSE IF YOU BELIEVE AND ACT UPON WHAT GOD SAYS IS TRUE YOUR LIFE WILL BE TRANSFORMED.

1. It means I abandon any image of yourself that is not from God.
2. It means I stop accepting what others have said about you.
3. It means I stop accepting how others have labeled you
4. It means I stop believing ALL other definitions other than HIS.
5. It means you start believing what God says about you.

More personally this morning it means:

1. You're not defined by your feelings.
2. You're not defined by the opinions of others
3. You are not defined by your circumstances.
4. You're not defined by your successes or failures.
5. You're not defined by the car you drive, the money you make, or the house you say you own when the bank really does.

You are defined by God and God alone. THAT is JESUS

WHY SHOULD I LET GOD REDFINE ME?

1. MY TRUEST IDENTITY GIVES ME THE GREATEST INTEGRITY

THIS MEANS: I WILL BE FEARLESS

Mark 12:14 (NIV)

They came to him and said, "Teacher, we know that you are a man of integrity. You aren't swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are; but you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth."

2. MY TRUEST IDENTITY GIVES ME MY STRONGEST LIBERTY

THIS MEANS: I WILL BE FREE

Matthew 11:19 (NIV)

The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners.' But wisdom is proved right by her deeds."

3. MY TRUEST IDENTITY SHOULD GET MY BEST ENERGY

THIS MEANS: I WILL BE FOCUSED

John 9:4 (NIV)

As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work.

4. MY TRUEST IDENTITY REFLECTS MY ULTIMATE DESTINY

THIS MEANS: I WILL BE FAITHFUL

John 17:1-5 (NIV)

Jesus looked toward heaven and prayed:

"Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you.² For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. ³ Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. ⁴ I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. ⁵ And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.

WOW – WHAT A LIFE – FEARLESS – FREE – FOCUSED - & FAITHFUL – SECURE IN HIS TRUEST IDENTITY – HIS IDENTITY IN THE FATHER.

GREAT – WHAT DOES THAT HAVE TO DO WITH ME? WELL...JESUS SAYS IT'S YOUR TURN TO DO THE SAME - SECURE IN YOUR TRUEST IDENTITY – LIVING FEARLESS – FREE – FOCUSED & FAITHFUL TO GOD'S PURPOSES

John 14:12 (NIV)

Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.

SO IN THE TIME WE HAVE LEFT WE ARE GOING TO LOOK AT THREE ASPECTS OF OUR IDENTITY IN CHRIST THAT ARE MOST INTIMATELY TO HIS JESUS' GREATEST WORK – HIS WORK ON THE CROSS – AND HOW THEY POWERFULLY TRANSFORM THOSE WHO BELIEVE.

TRANSFORMED FACT:

IN CHRIST GOD SAYS THAT I HAVE BEEN:

CRUCIFIED WITH CHRIST

RESURRECTED WITH CHRIST

SEATED WITH CHRIST

LET'S DISCOVER WHAT EACH MEANS FOR US AND HOW THAT ASPECT OF OUR NEW IDENTITY TRANSFORMS US.

GOD SAYS: I HAVE BEEN CRUCIFIED WITH CHRIST

Galatians 2:20 (NIV)

²⁰ I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Romans 6:6-7 (NIV)

⁶ For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with,^[a] that we should no longer be slaves to sin—⁷ because anyone who has died has been set free from sin.

BEING CRUCIFIED WITH CHRIST MEANS:

I DIE TO SIN

GOD SAYS: I HAVE BEEN RESURRECTED IN CHRIST

Romans 6:3-5, 10-13 (NIV)

Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?⁴ We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his.

The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.

In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.¹² Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires.¹³ Do not offer any part of yourself to sin as an instrument of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer every part of yourself to him as an instrument of righteousness.

BEING RESURRECTED IN CHRIST MEANS:

I AM ALIVE TO GOD'S WAY

GOD SAYS: I HAVE BEEN SEATED WITH CHRIST

Ephesians 2:4-6 (NIV)

But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy,⁵ made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved.⁶ And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus,

Colossians 3:1-4 (NIV)

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.² Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.³ For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.⁴ When Christ, who is your^o life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

BEING SEATED WITH CHRIST MEANS:

WHAT'S GOING ON IN HEAVEN SHAPES HOW LIVE ON EARTH

GOD SAYS HE'S THERE – AND IN CHRIST – YOU'RE THERE – ONLY THING LEFT IS TO GET THERE

HOW? THROUGH:

PRAYER – COME TO HIS THRONE

WORSHIP – COME INTO HIS PRESENCE

CONVERSATION IN HIS WORD – THINK AND TALK TOGETHER

BEING FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT – TAKES FROM HIM GIVES TO YOU

GOD WANTS TO PRACTICE THE LIFE OF HEAVEN HERE ON EARTH

2 Corinthians 5:6-10 New International Version (NIV)

⁶ Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord. ⁷ For we live by faith, not by sight. ⁸ We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹ So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it. ¹⁰ For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

CLOSING INVITATION AND PRAYER

THIS AM – YOU ARE IN EITHER ONE OF TWO CAMPS