

30-DAY STUDENT DEVOTIONAL

# IDENTITY

WHO DOES GOD SAY I AM?

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# INTRO

Do you remember the prophet Elijah from the Old Testament? You might remember the wild story about the showdown between Elijah and the prophets of Baal (see 1 Kings 18). They gathered on a mountain, where each group tried to call down fire from heaven to prove their god was real. The prophets of Baal couldn't do it; only Elijah was successful. The scene was intense, the battle decisive, and the victor evident: Yahweh alone is God.

Immediately after that dramatic victory, Elijah got word that the Baal-worshiping Queen Jezebel was going to hunt him down and kill him. The threat sent Elijah running in terror.

What happened to him? How did someone go from the top of the mountain, literally and spiritually, to running away into the wilderness? Elijah seemed lost, hopeless, and confused about faith, life, and God. Perhaps he was unsure which Elijah was the fraud—was it the one who defeated Baal on the mountain or the one who fled in terror? Elijah needed to be reminded who he was according to God. He needed to be reminded of his true identity.

Biblical identity is knowing who you are—and who you are not—according to God's Word. It's a truth that needs to be shared with not just new believers, but also with maturing Christians and those who may be worn out in their faith. It's a source of stability and confidence that doesn't change like hair styles and interests.

Whether you are on the mountaintop or in the wilderness of fear, this book will give you a firm foundation for walking by faith, confident in the identity God has given you.

# GETTING STARTED

This devotional contains thirty days of content, broken down into sections. Each day is divided into three elements—discover, delight, and display—to help you grow in your faith.

## DISCOVER

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This section helps you examine the Bible in light of who God is and determine what it says about your identity in relationship to Him. Included here is the daily Scripture reading and key verses, along with illustrations and commentary to guide you as you learn more about God's Word.

## DELIGHT

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In this section, you'll be challenged by questions and activities that help you see how God is alive and active in every detail of His Word and your life.

## DISPLAY

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Here's where you take action. This section calls you to apply what you've learned through each day.

**Each day also includes a prayer activity at the conclusion of the devotion.**

Throughout the devotional, you'll also find extra items to help you connect with the topic personally, such as Scripture memory verses and interactive articles.



SECTION 1

I Am . . .

THERE ARE A LOT OF MESSAGES OUT THERE ABOUT WHO YOU ARE: "YOU ARE PERFECT JUST THE WAY YOU ARE." "YOU ARE AWESOME EVERY DAY." "YOU ARE EXACTLY WHO YOU SHOULD BE." BUT SINCE GOD IS OUR CREATOR, OUR FATHER, AND OUR LORD, WE MUST BE SURE WE'RE SHAPING OUR VIEW OF OUR IDENTITY FROM HIS PERSPECTIVE. GOD'S WORD SHOWS US WHO WE ARE.

## DAY 1

# Spitting Image

READ GENESIS 1.

*So God created man in his own image;  
he created him in the image of God;  
he created them male and female.  
— Genesis 1:27*

## DISCOVER

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God made everything, and everything He made was good. The original Hebrew word for “good” can mean pleasant, excellent, appropriate, agreeable, or valuable. God’s world is good and His creatures are good. However, He went one step further when He created humans: we, too are good, but we’re also made in His image.

You’ve used the word “image” before, haven’t you? Image isn’t about a specific thing but a representation of that thing. Photographers want to make sure that the image they’re capturing is well lit; artists want to be certain that the image they’re creating comes alive on the canvas.

You may have heard the phrase “spitting image,” which means that someone has taken on characteristics that remind others of the original. The Hebrew word for image means “shade.” It’s like if you’re outside and see your shadow. The shadow isn’t you—it just looks like you.

When we live as we’re called, aligned with our biblical identity, we are like the shadow of God—we’re not Him, but others see Him in us. Those are big shoes to fill, for sure, but it’s not all on us. God will give us what we need. More on that later. For today, just know that your created purpose is to remind others of God.

## DELIGHT

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**Have you ever been told you look like someone else? What is it about you that reminds others of that person?**

**Do you think it's our physical features that reveal God to others? Why or why not?**

**What do we learn about God's creation from verse 27? How can God be reflected in both men and women?**

## DISPLAY

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Regardless of how you feel today, your identity is set: you were made in God's image. So was I. So were your best friend and the weird kid in math and the whiny toddler you know. We're called to reflect Him in how we live, what we say, and the actions we take toward others.

So, go look in the mirror and say, "I am created in the image of God." You are. But do you treat yourself like it? And do you treat other people that way? Because they're all made in the image of God, too.

**Lord, at times I struggle to reflect who You are in my life. But I see these words and I know they are true: You made me to reflect You. Please help me live my identity and walk around as Your image today, tomorrow, and beyond.**

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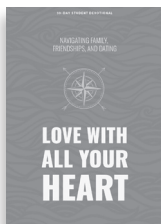
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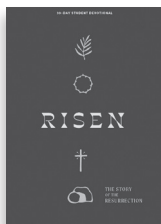
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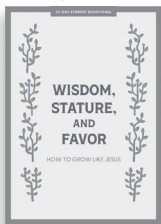
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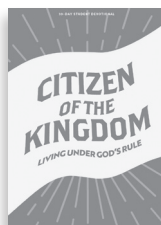
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PRAYER



# Who Am I?

You're someone's child, someone's friend, and someone's student. You're receiving an education, participating in activities, and enjoying your favorite sports. Anyone can look at you and describe your physical characteristics. Your interests, style, and tendencies are observable and describable.

But is that who you really are? Who are you apart from all the outward things? It's a question we all have to ask ourselves. All your life, you've been told that it's who you are on the inside that counts. If that's true, then who is the real you? Who God says you are is what shapes your true identity.

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