

# HOW DO I WALK IN MY NEW IDENTITY?

**2 Corinthians 5:17** (NKJV) Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

**Romans 8:15-16** (ESV) For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

**John 1:12** (NASB) But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name,

**Ephesians 4:1** (ESV) I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called,

- Sanctification: The walking out **process** of our salvation
- Putting off the **old** man and putting on the **new** man (Ephesians 4:22-23)

## Three Steps to Walk in Your New Identity

### 1. Live by the Holy Spirit and His **power**

**Luke 24:49** (NIV) I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.

**Acts 1:8** (NIV) But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

**Acts 10:38** (NASB) You know of Jesus of Nazareth, how God anointed Him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and how He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.

**Galatians 5:16** (NASB) But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh.

### 2. Be aware of **spiritual warfare**

**Ephesians 6:10-12** (NASB) Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.

**2 Corinthians 10:3-5** (NASB) For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses. We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ,

- The greatest trick of the devil was to convince the world that he didn't **exist**

### 3. When something is off, think **S.O.U.L.**

## S.O.U.L.

- S - Sin

- Sin breaks fellowship with God (Ephesians 4:30, 1 Thessalonians 5:19)

**Isaiah 59:2** (NASB) But your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden His face from you so that He does not hear.

- Response: Confess and repent
  - Confess - Admit I've done wrong
  - Repent - To turn

- O - Open Doors

**Ephesians 4:27** (NIV) and do not give the devil a foothold.

**James 4:4** (NASB) You adulteresses, do you not know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

**1 John 2:15** (NASB) Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

- You cannot play in the devil's playground and not expect to get hurt (1 Peter 5:8)
- Are you being entertained by things that put Christ on the cross?
- Response: Submit and resist the devil

**James 4:7** (NASB) Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

- U - Unforgiveness

**Matthew 6:14-15** (ESV) For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

- If you want the Father's forgiveness, you must forgive others

**Ephesians 4:32** (ESV) Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

- Response: Forgive

- L - Lineage

- As Jesus' followers, we have consequences of generational sins, but not generational curses
  - Words of death

**Proverbs 18:21** (ESV) Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruits.

- Response: Recognize and break it
  - Speak words of life
  - Walk down another road

**Psalms 139:23** (ESV) Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts!

**Romans 2:4** (NASB) Or do you think lightly of the riches of His kindness and tolerance and patience, not knowing that the kindness of God leads you to repentance?

## During Reflection

- Write down what God is speaking to you

### Self Reflection:

Start the discussion time by taking 10 minutes to reflect on the following questions. Write down what God is speaking to you. Then write on a separate piece of paper whatever the Lord is asking you to release to Him. Rip it up and take a moment of prayer to commit to walking in freedom and your new identity in Christ.

- Is there sin in your life?
- Is there an open door in your life?
- Is there unforgiveness in your heart?
- Is there something that has been passed on through your family that has gotten into your mind?

**Memory Verse:** Ephesians 4:1

### Discussion Questions:

1. What did you hear from the Lord during the reflection time?
2. How are you going to walk forward from today living out of your true, new identity in Christ?
3. Was there anything else from this lesson that stood out to you?