

Identity Rehab

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Why Identity?

**God
creates
masterpieces.**

What is a masterpiece?

A work of intrinsic beauty that required exceptional skill and creativity to produce

One of a kind, unique

**Master artists
don't stop
creating masterpieces.**

God has not stopped creating masterpieces
God is the ultimate Artist, the ultimate Creative being
God pronounced His work a masterpiece after man and
woman had been created
Gen 1:31 "...it was very good."
God rested, but did not stop creating masterpieces Ps
139:13-14

13 For you created my inmost being; you knit me
together in my mother's womb. 14 I praise you
because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your
works are wonderful, I know that full well.

PSALM 139:13-14 (NIV)

**God is not in the
mass production business.
He is in the business of
creating and restoring
MASTERPIECES.**

The defining feature of the masterpiece of you is your spirit identity.

The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.

1 SAMUEL 16:7 (NIV)

Let your adorning be the hidden person of the heart with the imperishable beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which in God's sight is very precious.

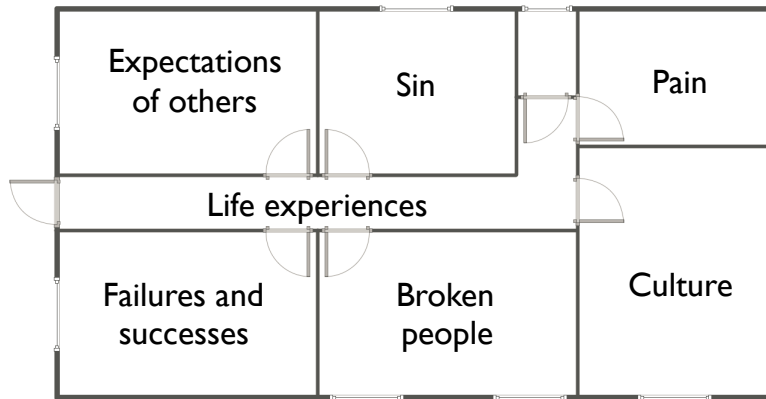
1 PETER 3:4 (ESV)

The Identity Problem

Life-defined
identity

God
identity

Identity Detractors and Strongholds



To sing...or to squawk

Find your unique voice, don't try to sound like someone else

Learn proper singing techniques to unlock true vocal potential

In identity paradigm, technique = the scriptural, God-given guidelines for community and morality

The church has equated technique with uniformity, refusing to passionately embrace the individual differences of each masterpiece, leaving in its wake countless scores of frustrated people and unrealized potential.

The world has embraced uniqueness at the expense of beauty and wholeness, allowing people to fully explore their creative potential, while leaving them stuck in brokenness and bondage, resulting in the identity crisis of this generation.

The Identity Solution:

Stepping into your God Identity

Life-defined
identity



God
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Percieve the Masterpiece

God is shouting "Restore" over your identity

The you He designed, the brilliant you, the beautiful you, the REAL you is not lost to Him and it is not lost to you.

"I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God." Eph 3:17-18 (NIV)

Demolish Identity Strongholds

Be relentless in going after strongholds that have held your identity captive

Hear God's laughter over your identity strongholds

Step boldly into your new God Identity

Stop trying to be or sound like someone else

Don't buy into the lie that that there is something wrong with the brushstrokes that make you uniquely you

Step out of your comfort zone despite potential for mistakes and pain

Technique is important, and should enhance, not detract from, your identity

12 Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, 13 bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. 14 And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

COLOSSIANS 3:12-14 (ESV)

My child, my child, my beloved child. There is nothing hidden from my eyes. All things are laid bare before me. I know you better than you know you. I hear your deepest thoughts. I sense your strongest fears. I see what no one else will ever see.

There is nothing about who YOU are that is hidden from me. There is not a hope or a prayer or a disappointment or a failure or a fear that I am unaware of.

Yet I do not call you timid one. I do not call you broken. I do not call you fearful one. I do not call you failure. I do not call you sinner.

There is a word I have chosen to describe you, and that word is Son and Daughter

Not a son and daughter, MY son, MY daughter

It is not the reality that you know and see which defines how I call you

No, it is how I call you that transforms your reality,

I call things by their true name,

And the names I have for you are ALL good

You are a chosen child

You are thing of beauty, you are precious, You are my masterpiece.

You are brave, you are strong, you are a champion.

I know the world you live in is constantly trying to convince you that "you don't have what it takes"

But my child, You are not OF the world

You have been BORN AGAIN.

The DNA of your spirit has changed.

You are a new creation, behold all things have become new

For a son or daughter of man, there are so many things beyond grasp, so many uncertainties to fear, so much insecurity

But for a son and a daughter of GOD there is nothing, there is nothing too big, there is no circumstance too large, no part of you that is inadequate
No part of you that is not LOVED

Now that you are part of me you have a true FATHER
Not that you are my son and daughter you have a PROVIDER
You see, now that you are my child, you have a WAY MAKER

Stand up!

Lift your head high!

Celebrate my love for you!

Run into the destiny and calling that I have prepared for you

"Do not fear, for I am with you;

Do not be dismayed, for I am your God.

I will strengthen you and help you;

I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

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