



Mistaken Identity

BARRIERS TO INTIMACY WITH GOD

Intimacy with God

- ▶ Pursuing God (*Psalms 63*)
- ▶ Our First Love (*Rev 2:1-7*)
- ▶ Transformed in His Presence
(*2 Cor 3:7-18*)
- ▶ Hearing God's Voice (*John 10*)

Barriers to Intimacy

- ▶ Unforgiveness
- ▶ **Mistaken Identity**
- ▶ Heart Wounds
- ▶ Cherished Sin
- ▶ Fears and Anxiety

Video Clip-Mufasa's Death

“What have you done?”

“The king is dead and if it weren't for you He would still be alive. What would your mother think?”

What am I going to do?

Run away! Run away and never return!

Mistaken Identity



The lies we believe about who we truly are...

- ▶ that shape us,
- ▶ keep us from the life God designed for us,
- ▶ and keep us from walking in intimacy with God.

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The labels we embrace

- ▶ What are parents said regularly.
- ▶ Name Calling from our peers.
- ▶ Repeated experiences.

Our Self-Talk

- ▶ The messages we rehearse

The TRUTH of our Identity



John 8:31–32

31 So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, 32 and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

The TRUTH of our Identity

Romans 12:1–2

1 I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. 2 Do not be conformed to this world, **but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.**

The TRUTH of our Identity

2 Corinthians 10:4–5

4 For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. 5 We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, **and take every thought captive to obey Christ,**

The Lies



“I’m worthless”

“I am an accident”

“I have no purpose”

The TRUTH

Psalm 139:13–16

13 For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. **14 I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.**

Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well. 15 My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. **16 Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them.**

The Lies



“I am beyond God’s grace.

“I am UNFORGIVEABLE”

“There is something wrong with me!”

The TRUTH



Romans 8:1–2

1 There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. 2 For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

Colossians 1:13–14

13 He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

The TRUTH

2 Corinthians 7:9–10

9 As it is, I rejoice, not because you were grieved, but because you were grieved into repenting. For you felt a godly grief, so that you suffered no loss through us. 10 For **godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, whereas worldly grief produces death.**

“Godly Sorrow” (*NIV/NKJV*)

The Lies



“I am unwanted.

“I am unloved.”

“My value is conditioned
on _____.”

The TRUTH



John 3:16 ¹⁶ “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

John 15:9–10 ⁹ As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love.

The TRUTH

Romans 8:35–39

35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? 36 As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.” 37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38 For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The TRUTH



Ephesians 3:16–19

16 that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, 17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, 18 may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, 19 and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Living in the Truth



- ▶ Recognize the Lie
- ▶ Renounce the Lie
- ▶ Embrace the Truth