



“CONSCIOUS AND INTENTIONAL MINISTRY: DOING WHO I AM”

Also I heard the voice of the Lord saying: “Whom shall I send, And who will go for Us?” Then I said, “Here am I! Send me.” Isaiah 6:8

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WHO I AM – WHY I AM – WHAT I DO - - Part 10

I concluded last week with a quote from Dr. Floyd Prude:

Be who you is, and not who you ain’t. For if you is who you ain’t, then you ain’t who you is.

On today, I ask the question, “What is the significance of knowing who I am?”

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF KNOWING WHO I AM

“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; Before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations.” Jeremiah 1:5

First, it is significant to know that *God created me on purpose*. Who I am, and how I am who I am, are out of God’s purpose and design for me. My ‘Being’ is not accidental nor coincidental, but divinely purposed by God. Everyone that God has created, and everyone that God has called has been created and called on purpose.

- ♦ ⁷ *The Lord did not set His love on you nor choose you because you were more in number than any other people, for you were the least of all peoples; ⁸ but **because the Lord loves you**, and because He would keep the oath which He swore to your fathers... Deuteronomy 7:7, 8*
- ♦ ¹³ *And He went up on the mountain and called to Him those **He Himself wanted**. And they came to Him. ¹⁴ Then He appointed twelve, that they might **be with Him** and that He might send them out to preach Mark 3:13, 14*
- ♦ ¹¹ *(for the children **not yet being born, nor having done any good or evil**, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works but of Him who calls), ¹² it was said to her, “The older shall serve the younger.” ¹³ As it is written, “**Jacob I have loved**, but Esau I have hated [rejected].” Romans 9:11-13*
- ♦ ¹⁵ *But when God, **who had set me apart before I was born and called me through his grace**, was pleased ¹⁶ to reveal his Son to me, so that I might proclaim him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with any human being, Galatians 1:15, 16 (NRSV)*

Second, it is significant to know that *God created me with a purpose*. I have a specific and intentional purpose for which I am here. My primary goal is to discover who I am and why I am here. After I know who I am and why I am, then, and only then, am I in a position to do what I am created to do.

It is significant to know that there is something specific and intentional that I am created to do. Even more, what I am created to do, no one else can do it. No matter how smart they are, no matter how wonderful they look, no matter how influential they are and no matter what they have done in the past, they will never be able to do what God created me to do. As I understand that I am created with a purpose, it liberates me from seeking to be like others, and it releases me from desiring to do things like others. As I understand that I am created with a purpose, it frees me to be me.

If you know who you are, you do not need permission to do what you do

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WORK FOR THE WEEK

MAY MEMORY VERSE

³⁸ Now the just shall live by faith; But if *anyone* draws back, My soul has no pleasure in him.”

Hebrews 10:38

MAY MEDITATION QUOTE

“From Moses to Jesus, the Bible tells us that those who fought for justice—those who spoke truth to power, those who refused to accept that injustice and inequality had to exist and that there was no better way—always found themselves hated, hounded, and heaped upon with false accusations simply because they believed in the necessity of speaking and working for the cause of righteousness and building a more just community. This lack of majority support is why the just must live by faith and must know exactly who we are.”

William J. Barber II, *Forward Together: A Moral Message for the Nation*

TODAY'S STUDY QUESTIONS AND MEDITATION:

Why is it so hard to dismiss the facts when considering what God has said? _____

Is my faith in what I know God can do or in what I believe God will do? _____

FOR THE YOUTH

Think about a problem that you have right now... _____

Do you know that God can solve your problem and Do you believe that God will solve your problem? _____
