



## “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 12

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

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I shared on last week: When I know who I am, I can do whatever is necessary – even washing someone’s feet – to fulfill my God-given calling. Like Jesus, when I know who I am, I know what I have (*the power and authority to do what I am called to do*), I know from where I came (*I came from the Father which is far above where I may be*), and I know where I am going (*I am going to the Father, and can appreciate the trials of the journey on my way to the destination*).

On today, we will explore these three points further so we can gain deeper understanding in who we are:

### **Do I know what I have?**

In Luke 9:1-6, Jesus told that disciples that they have power and authority. As I shared previously, Power is the Greek word *Dunamis*, and is the word from where we get our word, dynamite. The word Authority is the Greek word *Exousia*, and means the right to exercise power. The power given to the disciples was like a spiritual dynamite, having the ability to move and remove anything and/or anyone who would attempt to oppose and/or obstruct the fulfillment of their God-given mission. As well, the disciples possessed the right to exercise that power. Consider this, if you were given power, yet not given the authority to exercise that power, what good is the power. Perhaps some of you have been in positions where you had a title, you sat in the seat and you chaired the meetings. However, you had no decision making authority. Did you really have power? The simple answer is, “No.”

Praise God that Jesus gives us power – that is, the spiritual dynamite necessary to empower us to move and remove anything and/or anyone who would attempt to oppose and/or obstruct the fulfillment of our God-given mission. Even more, praise God that Jesus gives us the authority to exercise the power that we have. Therefore, we know that we have everything that we need to do everything that we are called to do. Do you know that you have power and authority?

### **Do you know from where you came?**

The Akan people of West Africa believe that there are four spiritual energies that influence and contribute to who we are and fulfillment of who we are. First, there is the spiritual energy of your mother that tells you who you are. God gives to every mother (mother in the broadest sense beyond biological birth) the knowledge of who their children are and the wisdom to prepare them to be it. Second, there is the spiritual energy of the father that empowers you to do it. Third, there is the spiritual energy of your ancestors which assist you in knowing that you were not just dropped here, rather, you came from others who came before you, the greatness that was within them is within you. Fourth, there is the spiritual energy that comes from God which encourages us to know that we cannot die until we do what we are born to do.

### **Do you know to where you are going?**

You cannot know where you are going if you do not know who you are, what you have and from where you have come. Consider a person with amnesia. They wake up in the hospital not knowing who they are, from where they came, and to whom they are connected. When they are well enough physically to be discharged from the hospital, they will stand at the hospital door and say, “Where do I go?” Because they have no idea of who they are and from where they have come, they likewise will have no idea of where they will go. Perhaps this is why so many are aimlessly wandering – no plan, no purpose, just existing.

## WORK FOR THE WEEK

### MAY MEMORY VERSE

<sup>38</sup> 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:

What is God's plan for me? \_\_\_\_\_

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Do I see it being fulfilled? \_\_\_\_\_

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### FOR THE YOUTH

Think about a problem that you have right now... \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you know that God can solve your problem and Do you believe that God has a plan to solve your problem? \_\_\_\_\_