



"You Are Who He Says You Are" (Summer Speaker Series - Ep. III)

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Genesis 1:27-28

Identity was not meant to found by us – It was meant to be given to us

"Made in the image of God" – What does this mean?

_____ - You have a soul and have been given a role by God

This cannot be stripped away from you – Sickness, disease, Job loss, life situation, etc. cannot take you away from who you are because **you are a part of something so much greater than yourself.**

The same word for image is used to describe false images/idols in the Old Testament. An idol is an impression that points to God but is not God. You are an impression of God – you are meant to point to God.

Impression of God is part of the role – Genesis continues to say subdue the earth. John Paul II calls this being **Co-creators.**

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Recognize that he could have done it all without us.

The beautiful truth is that...

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"Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God." **John 1:12-13**

A role in his mission. That mission has not ended. And now he calls us his Children, and he wants to work alongside us. This reveals a lot about God.

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That passage describes a God who does not need you – magnificent, powerful, majestic, holy. Yet this same God has called you his child and made you in his image.
How could anything take away from who we call us?

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