



DISCOVERING MY IDENTITY (Series)

1. *My Self Image*
2. *My Values*

Recapitulation

“God created man in His own image

1. SELF-IMAGE SHAPED BY CREATION
2. SELF-IMAGE SHAPED BY CULTURE
3. SELF-IMAGE SHAPED BY CHRIST

Question: In what ways are we made in God’s image?

God didn’t create us exactly like Himself, since He has no physical body. Instead, **we reflect His glory - through our reason, creativity, speech, and will.** More than one trait, it’s our whole being that carries His image.

Isaiah 55:8 “My thoughts are not your, neither are your ways are my ways”, declares the Lord.

If I am made in God’s image, how should that shape what I care about, stand for, and live for?

Judges 21:25 NLT “In those days Israel had no king; all the people did whatever seemed right in their own eyes.”

- **Judges 21:25 - A People Without Identity or Values** - “In those days Israel had no king; everyone did what was right in their own eyes.” (NKJV)
- Israel was spiritually lost, morally confused, and rejecting God’s authority.
- People followed their feelings, not God’s truth.
- No clear leadership → No accountability → Chaos and rebellion.

Job 1:1 - A Man Rooted in Identity and Godly Values - “There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was blameless and upright, and one who feared God and shunned evil.” (NKJV)

- Job lived with integrity even in a broken world.
- He knew who he was before God - personally prepared by God.
- He lived by faith and reverence, even before trials came.



We are all “**Personally prepared by God for a progressive pursuit of Christ**” and this reflect beautifully the life of Job. Job was not chosen at random - God personally pointed him out in Job 1:8, saying, “**Have you considered My servant Job?**” This shows that Job’s journey was divinely permitted and designed to test and grow his faith. While Job lived before the earthly ministry of Christ, his story reveals a man on a progressive spiritual journey. Through suffering, Job developed a **deepening relationship with God, moving from knowing about God to truly encountering Him** - “**Now my eyes have seen You**” (Job 42:5). His faith, like that of New Testament believers, was refined through trials, making him a powerful example of someone personally prepared by God to walk a path that leads to deeper understanding, trust, and transformation.

1. **God prepares us intentionally - we are not accidents of faith** - Just as Job was personally pointed out by God (Job 1:8), we are not randomly chosen. This shapes a value of purpose - **understanding that every season, even hardship, is part of God’s intentional work in us.** Job 1:8 “**Have you considered My servant Job...?**” – Job 1:8
2. **Growth with God is progressive - not instant - Job’s journey shows that knowing God is not a one-time moment but a lifelong process.** This builds the value of spiritual perseverance - learning to seek God deeper over time, even in suffering. Job 42:5 “**My ears had heard of you but now my eyes have seen you.**”
2. **Trials refine identity and trust** (Believer’s Spiritual Values) - **Job’s story reminds us that pain has a purpose.** God uses trials to shape character, not to break us but to draw us closer. We value trust in God’s process, knowing it leads to lasting transformation. James 1:3 “**The testing of your faith produces perseverance.**”

The Rejection of Morality Isaiah 5:20 (NLT “What sorrow for those who say that evil is good and good is evil, that dark is light and light is dark, that bitter is sweet and sweet is bitter.”

Romans 1:21-32 NKJV because, although they knew God, **they did not glorify Him as God**, nor were thankful, **but became futile in their thoughts**, and their foolish hearts were darkened. **Willful rejection of God despite knowing Him.** [22] Professing to be wise, they became fools, [23] and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man-and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things. **Idolatry and pride** [24]

Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, [25] who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen. **Moral corruption begins when truth is traded for lies.**[26] For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature. [27] Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due. **Sexual immorality and unnatural desires are the result of rejecting God's design** [28] And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting; **The mind becomes corrupt** [29] being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; they are whisperers, [30] backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, [31] undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful; **A society filled with sin at every level** [32] who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them. **Celebrating sin and encouraging others in it**

Conclusion

These people chose to reject God, and God them to follow their sinful desires. God does not usually stop us from making wrong choices that are against his will. It only do the same disobedience independence from him, even though he knows that in time we will become slaves to our own rebellious choices if we persist rebellious choices if we persist in sin. **Does life without God look like freedom to you?** Look from God will confine you forever. **There is no worse slavery than slavery to sin.**

Prayer Points

1. **Aligning My Values with God's Word:** Living by Kingdom Values, Not Cultural Confusion
2. **Rooted in Righteousness:** Let My Values Reflect Your Image in Me