



C1: Identity to Destiny

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We let our negative life experiences frame who we are and we create a false self (i.e. got fired from a job or went through a divorce). That frames who we are.

Many of us have created a false self

- False identity vs. real identity | False scarcity vs. abundance
- False identity focuses inward instead of upward to who He created us to be.
- Insecurity searches for certainty which leads to a search for perfection which leads to self-promotion.

We feel and act like orphans instead of sons.

- Example: What happened to the children of Israel?
 - Moses leading children into a different worldview. Knew governance. Sabbath year. Why didn't they get it? Slaves for hundreds of years. Their identity was that of slaves.
- Example: Israel goes all the way to the Promised Land and then...we can't go in. Why? Because we are grasshoppers in our own eyes. They don't go. For us that is seeking for acceptance and self-preservation.
 - **Numbers 13:33** We saw the Nephilim there (the descendants of Anak come from the Nephilim). We seemed like grasshoppers in our own eyes, and we looked the same to them.
- What does this look like? Work that factory job for 50+ years because it is safe and secure. No risk.

Ephesians 2:10 NLT ¹⁰ For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.

- God has preordained this for me. If I cooperate, why would I think He wouldn't do it. It is His idea.
- If this is true, what do I have to fear? What are you afraid of?
 - Fear of failure? Fear of loss of job? Fear that God wouldn't provide? All based in a lie and or not believing who God said He is
- The #1 exhortation in scripture is don't be afraid. Fear shuts down creativity, innovation, and the true identity. What do we do with our fear?



True self

God will reveal to you who you really are. We are co-creators with God at our highest level.

Do we believe God is for us?

- If not, then it is all on you in life. If not, then we have to self-protect and self-promote.
- Anxious and worry

How would Jesus introduce you?

My name is Jamie and I was addicted to porn for 25 years. Jesus would never introduce you that way. He would never say that about you. That is the false you.

Or, I would like you to meet my friend. She is a single Mom. Jesus would never introduce her in this way. That is accusing her of something.

How would Jesus introduce you?

Hey, do you know who this is? Do you know who I knit together in their mother's womb? He says who you are. You would be embarrassed at the level He talks about you (i.e. a parent bragging about their kids).

We focus on what the enemy says about us and not what God says about us. Why? Because we don't know what God says about us. Have you ever asked him? Ask him today.

What about you at work? It does something to their spirit. Come to work...you are distracted. What is distracting you? Fear!

Your identity is your gift to other people. Figure it out and give it to other people.

The world says a fluffy "you can do anything" (i.e. George Bailey saying, "Shoot for the moon!"). No, it is not that. This sets people up for failure.

Let the one who made you tell you what success is. Your identity comes from who you are not what you do!

Still have to produce in life: The measurables are fine as long as you don't get your identity from them. Bring your identity into the vocation, don't get it from the vocation and don't lose it in the vocation.



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Because you don't get identity from vocation, you do it with more freedom, grace, and creativity. Production is the result. It is never the goal. You are fearless. Since you don't have the fear of failure you don't fail; you marvelously succeed.

Training and identity: We want to break off an orphan spirit and want to establish sons and daughters.

What is an orphan stronghold or spirit?

A mindset, a belief or a group of thoughts that make us think we are orphans; that we are alone. It makes us believe that we are inferior; that for some reason we are unacceptable and deserve to be rejected. This makes it hard for us to trust others and depend on them. We end up believing that no matter how many relationships we have, they will eventually reject us, abandon us, and we will be left all alone—to protect ourselves, provide for ourselves, and to strive for success.

How does the orphan spirit appear?

- Oversensitivity: because we believe people are against us.
- Ineffective parenting: feeling rejected makes it hard to affirm natural children.
- Competitiveness: feeling rejected makes us feel like we have to prove ourselves.
- Driven to search for significance: driven to succeed to gain approval.
- Emotionally disconnected: lack of acceptance causes us to not connect at an emotional level.
- Lack of self-acceptance: don't feel good about self.
- Mistreat others: can't accept self so difficult to accept others.
- Misinterpret reality: interpret everything as rejection.
- Misuse of relationships: use relationships to achieve acceptance.
- Approval seeking: driven for approval of others.
- Struggle with authority: can't submit to others in authority because of mistrust.
- Family conflict: performance driven; can't keep boundaries.
- Struggle relating to God as a father: see God as distant and harsh.

God's solution

Truly and fully experience belonging to God's Family—what it means to be a son or daughter of God with full inheritance.

Romans 8:15 The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship And by him we cry, "Abba, Father."

The Holy Spirit is the spirit of sonship. We become sons and daughters of God.

If we are not convinced that we are sons and daughters, our ministry and leadership will be tainted because we are looking for approval.



You can trust Him

Prayer of Healing for Orphan Lifestyle

Father God, I ask you to forgive me for all the ways I have allowed the enemy access in my life by walking in an orphan lifestyle. I repent for giving into abandonment and rejection. I repent for forming ungodly beliefs about myself, others, and You. I also confess these sins and failures in the generations of my family. Where I have been blind to the enemy's work, I ask you to give me insight, understanding, and revelation.

I renounce the orphan heart and lifestyle. I renounce every spirit that has fostered this in me. Spirits of rejection and abandonment, I renounce you in the Name of Jesus! Spirits of rebellion, deception, and isolation, I renounce you in the Name of Jesus! I renounce all lies I have believed about You concerning the love you have for me.

Holy Spirit I ask you to come and fill me. Release fresh revelation and healing to bind up the wounds of my heart. Fill me with your Presence. Fill me with your power. Fill me with the love of my Heavenly Father. Guide me with Your love, as I minister healing and freedom to others. Thank you for the new heart and spirit of sonship You have given to me. In Jesus' name, Amen!



Proverbs 4:18 The path of the righteous is like the morning sun, shining ever brighter till the full light of day.

Psalm 119:105 Word.

Psalm 139: 13–16 Created in the image of God.

Ephesians 1:15 – 2:10 Created for good works. God is a loving Father who creates unfinished things so those He loves may have work, have purpose in life, and a sense of accomplishment.

Five destiny questions

1. If you had no limitations (no limit on time, money, and you couldn't fail), what would you do for God?
2. What Bible person are you drawn to outside of Jesus? Why are you drawn to them?
3. What do you care the most about? This reflects your God-given desire.
4. What really bugs you? In the world and in your childhood.
5. What are the family attributes that are identifiable in your family? Good at business, public-speaking, prayer?

You have gifts: untapped potential

HOLY SPIRIT – Gifts of the Spirit (1 Corinthians 12: 7-11)

JESUS – Fivefold Gifts (flavors) (Ephesians 4) (www.destinyfinder.com)

- Apostle: Builder
- Prophet: Revealer
- Evangelist: Recruiter
- Pastor: Connector
- Teacher: Trainer



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FATHER – Motivational Gifts (Romans 12) (www.gifttest.org)

- The perceiver
- The server
- The teacher
- The encourager
- The giver
- The ruler
- Showing mercy

These become our personality types.

Natural and the supernatural

Hezekiah sought his God. He worked wholeheartedly and so he prospered.

- **2 Chronicles 31:20-21** This is what Hezekiah did throughout Judah, doing what was good and right and faithful before the Lord his God. ²¹In everything that he undertook in the service of God's temple and in obedience to the law and the commands, he sought his God and worked wholeheartedly. And so he prospered.

It was the natural and the supernatural: Moses staff and it became a snake.

- **Genesis 49:22** Joseph is a fruitful vine, a fruitful vine near a spring, whose branches climb over a wall.
- We are as Joseph with branches that grow over the wall. This is how we get to the next level. Grow over the wall.

Life chart

Assignment for possible field study credit.