

ON EAGLES' WINGS

Exodus 19:4

DEFINING YOUR IDENTITY MATTERS

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2024 Important Broad Promises Revealed

Psalm 23: 1-6

**God is our shepherd,
He will position us and
make our cup overflow.**

Exodus 19:4

**God will carry us on
eagles' wings, no
matter what comes up.**

Ecclesiastes 12:13

**Our only role is to fear
God, listen to the Holy
Spirit, in us, and obey
His command.**

Exodus 19:4, God recounts how He has carried Israel on eagles' wings:

4 'You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself.'

vs 5-6

'5 Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, 6 you will be for Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.'

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Brethren, “defining your identity” is different from “knowing whom you are” or “knowing whose child you are”.

- “knowing whom you are” highlights that you probably have a pedigree of certain background because of where you are born into. This background is not unique to you. Everyone born into this background will have the same pedigree.

- “knowing whose child you are” again confers an aura on you because of your parents.

Both are past-realities that you pull up to respond to the present. This response is never with the aim to make life-changing impact in the lives you encounter. The aim is often to impose your authority. **Both lean backwards**, looking to the past.

- “defining your identity” is very different. It is a definition you crystalize now to make impact in the lives of people in the future. **It leans forward**, looking to the future.

Brethren, when we lean backwards, we miss our identity, because **‘identity leans forwards looking for lives to impact in the future’**.

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In Genesis 1:1, bible says “¹In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.”

³ And God said,....⁶ And God said.⁹ And God said

So, if you want to look at His beginning, His background, His pedigree, He is God.

So if He says I am “God”, that is His pedigree, His background His authority. When He says that, He asserts His authority.

Isaiah 44:6 God said ““I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god.”

When you hear God, that is His authority, His pedigree, His background, His origin.

But ‘God’ is not the definition of His identity for Impact.

When He was asked to define His identity, He said “I AM WHOM I AM.”

Exodus 3: ¹³ Moses said to God, “Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘**What is his name?**’ Then what shall I tell them?”

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Exodus 3,

God knew that what the children of Israel are looking for now is not His authority, His background, His origin. What they need is His knew identity for impact.

Therefore, God had to define His identity and:

- ¹⁴ God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: ‘I AM has sent me to you.’”

Brethren, that is the impact part of God. And till date, people go to His as the “I AM of their specific need”

- ‘I AM THE HEALER’

- ‘I AM THE PROVIDER’

- ‘I AM THE COMFORTER’

- It is an open cheque for all needs. Write whatever you need.

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How about Jesus:

His Origin is God the son, the Word (the Word became flesh and dwelt among us) (Jhn 1:1,14)

His identity (His impact name) is **Saviour, Light of the world (he saved & modelled a lifestyle)**

How about Holy Spirit:

His Origin is Holy Spirit, Spirit of God (Genesis 1:1)

His identity (His impact name) is **Helper (He is at our help at every situation)**

How about Paul?

His Origin (Philippians 3:4-6): ⁴"If anyone else thinks he has grounds for confidence in the flesh (in pedigree, in background, in past), I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin; a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, persecuting the church; as to righteousness in the law, faultless

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Acts 22:25-29

²⁵ As they stretched him out to flog him, Paul said to the centurion standing there, “Is it legal for you to flog a Roman citizen who hasn’t even been found guilty?”

²⁶ When the centurion heard this, he went to the commander and reported it. “What are you going to do?” he asked. “This man is a Roman citizen.”

²⁷ The commander went to Paul and asked, “Tell me, are you a Roman citizen?”

“Yes, I am,” he answered.

²⁸ Then the commander said, “I had to pay a lot of money for my citizenship.”

“But I was born a citizen,” Paul replied.

²⁹ Those who were about to interrogate him withdrew immediately. The commander himself was alarmed when he realized that he had put Paul, a Roman citizen, in chains.

For Paul. His origin , pedigree or background was not the identity he was using for impact. And so when people found out his origin, the were shocked.

Paul’s identity (His impact name) is “To preach Jesus among the Gentiles”. He preached to all)

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Galatians 1:15-18

¹⁵ But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb and called *me* through His grace, ¹⁶ to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately confer with any human being (he forgot about his pedigree, his background, his past), ¹⁷ nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those *who were* apostles before me; but I went to Arabia, and returned again to Damascus.

¹⁸ Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see [c]Peter, and remained with him fifteen days. ¹⁹ But I saw none of the other apostles except James, the Lord's brother.

Brethren, our background or origin or pedigree is irrelevant.

What is important is the identity we define today for impact tomorrow.

Identity is very result-oriented and leans forward.

Paul said, **Philippians 3:13** “¹³ ... one thing *I do*, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead. ¹⁴ I press toward the goal for the prize ...”

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Conclusion

One of the mistakes of the children of Israel was not defining their identity, instead, they were focusing on their origin, their past, their life in Egypt.

Example: **Exodus 16:3** "If only we had died by the LORD's hand in Egypt! There we sat around pots of meat and ate all the food we wanted, but you have brought us out into this desert to starve this entire assembly to death." . . . *their past, origin and pedigree*

Even after God said to them (Exodus 19:5) "Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice" (which is future), "then you shall be a special treasure to Me.;" (they still did not).

Brethren, if we don't define our identity to take us forward, we will be looking to the past like Israelites.

God defined His identity: "I AM THAT I AM"

Jesus defined His identity: "Savior; Light of the world"

Holy Spirit defined His identity: "Helper

Paul defined His identity: "To preach Jesus among the Gentiles".

What is your identity? Let us define our identity.

God Bless You!

A stylized landscape illustration. The foreground features rolling green hills in various shades of green. On the left, a tree with a dark brown trunk and a large, rounded canopy of purple and pink flowers stands on a small orange mound. The background consists of layered, wavy bands of light blue and white, suggesting a sky or distant hills. The overall style is flat and graphic.

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