



## **Who Am I?**

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### **Sermon Notes**

#### **Acts 19:11-16 (New Living Translation)**

11 God gave Paul the power to perform unusual miracles. 12 When handkerchiefs or aprons that had merely touched his skin were placed on sick people, they were healed of their diseases, and evil spirits were expelled.

13 A group of Jews was traveling from town to town casting out evil spirits. They tried to use the name of the Lord Jesus in their incantation, saying, "I command you in the name of Jesus, whom Paul preaches, to come out!" 14 Seven sons of Sceva, a leading priest, were doing this. 15 But one time when they tried it, the evil spirit replied, "I know Jesus, and I know Paul, but who are you?" 16 Then the man with the evil spirit leaped on them, overpowered them, and attacked them with such violence that they fled from the house, naked and battered.

#### **Generally we define who we are by:**

- **Our names**
- **Our positions/titles**
- **Our accomplishments**
- **Our organizations**

#### **What happens when we don't know who we are?**

- **We settle for less...**
- **What the world says makes sense and what God says seems foreign...**
- **Abuse is inevitable...**

#### **Who Are You?**

- A person that does not know themselves will eventually lose themselves.
- A person that thinks they know themselves (but really doesn't) will look found but feel lost!
- A person that truly knows themselves walks by the dictates of the spirit and not by the flesh.

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##### **Knowing who you are helps you to handle who you are about to be.**

#### **1 Samuel 18:12-30 (New Living Translation)**

12 for Saul was afraid of him, and he was jealous because the LORD had left him and was now with David. 13 Finally, Saul banned him from his presence and appointed him commander over only a thousand men, but David faithfully led his troops into battle.

14 David continued to succeed in everything he did, for the LORD was with him.

15 When Saul recognized this, he became even more afraid of him. 16 But all Israel and Judah loved David because he was so successful at leading his troops into battle. 17 One day Saul said to David, "I am ready to give you my older daughter, Merab, as your wife. But first you must prove yourself to be a real warrior by fighting the LORD's battles." For

Saul thought to himself, "I'll send him out against the Philistines and let them kill him rather than doing it myself." *18 "Who am I, and what is my family in Israel that I should be the king's son-in-law?" David exclaimed. "My father's family is nothing!"*

**You should get your confirmation by God of who you are.**

**2 Samuel 7:18-29 (New Living Translation)**

**18** Then King David went in and sat before the LORD and prayed, *"Who am I, O Sovereign LORD, and what is my family, that you have brought me this far?"* **19** And now, Sovereign LORD, in addition to everything else, you speak of giving me a lasting dynasty! Do you deal with everyone this way, O Sovereign LORD? **20** What more can I say? You know what I am really like, Sovereign LORD. **21** For the sake of your promise and according to your will, you have done all these great things and have shown them to me. **22** "How great you are, O Sovereign LORD! There is no one like you – there is no other God. We have never even heard of another god like you!" **23** What other nation on earth is like Israel? What other nation, O God, have you redeemed from slavery to be your own people? You made a great name for yourself when you rescued your people from Egypt. You performed awesome miracles and drove out the nations and gods that stood in their way. **24** You made Israel your people forever, and you, O LORD, became their God. **25** "And now, O LORD God, do as you have promised concerning me and my family. Confirm it as a promise that will last forever. **26** And may your name be honored forever so that all the world will say, 'The LORD Almighty is God over Israel!' And may the dynasty of your servant David be established in your presence. **27** "O LORD Almighty, God of Israel, I have been bold enough to pray this prayer because you have revealed that you will build a house for me – an eternal dynasty! **28** For you are God, O Sovereign LORD. Your words are truth, and you have promised these good things to me, your servant. **29** And now, may it please you to bless me and my family so that our dynasty may continue forever before you. For when you grant a blessing to your servant, O Sovereign LORD, it is an eternal blessing!"

**When God reveals to you who you are it will ALWAYS be greater than what you think that you can accomplish.**

**Exodus 3:11-13 (New Living Translation)**

**3:11** "But **who am I** to appear before Pharaoh?" Moses asked God. "How can you expect me to lead the Israelites out of Egypt?"

**3:12** Then God told him, "I will be with you. And this will serve as proof that I have sent you: When you have brought the Israelites out of Egypt, you will return here to worship God at this very mountain."

**3:13** But Moses protested, "If I go to the people of Israel and tell them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' they won't believe me. They will ask, 'Which god are you talking about? What is his name?' Then what should I tell them?"