

THE TRUEST THING ABOUT YOU, Part 1
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Staying Free, Part 1

Describe yourself. What defines you?

"Who we believe we are determines how we live each day."
David Lomas

BIG IDEA: Amidst all the things that are true about you, at your core there is something truer about you since you received Jesus. A new creation. A new identity. We want to discover that identity and increasingly let it define us.

What defines you?

What you DO?

What you HAVE?

What you DESIRE?

Does what you do-have-desire define you? How much?

"For if a man is in Christ he becomes a new person altogether - the past is finished and gone, everything has become fresh and new. All this is God's doing" **2**
Corinthians 5:17 JBP

What does this say about the truest thing about you?

1. Jesus opens up a whole new world when He becomes real to you.

"he and all his companions were astonished at the catch"
Luke 5:9

To find the truest thing about you, you have to get your eyes off you! And, onto Jesus.

"If your first concern is to look after yourself, you'll never find yourself. But if you forget about yourself and look to me, you'll find both yourself and me." **Matthew 10:39**
Message

2. Our old identity can keep us out of Jesus' new creation best.

"Depart from me, Lord. I'm a sinful man." **Luke 5:8**

Identity attached to our **sin**

Identity attached to our **failure**

Identity attached to our **unbelief** "God cannot be that good"

Identity attached to what we **fear**

"When God begins to do a NEW THING in a NEW WAY the greatest opposition comes from the OLD THING with it's OLD WAYS!" -**Lisa Bevere**

3. Jesus calls us out of the old identities into His new creation identity and purpose.

"they... left everything and followed him." **Luke 5:11**

"Follow me" **Matthew 9:9**