

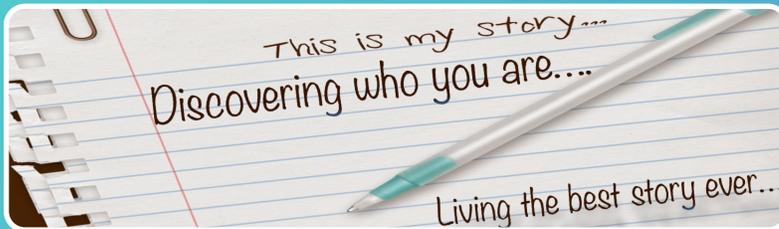
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# EXTREME FAITH

Moving past  
the past and  
living out  
God's vision!

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## Take me home!



## DISCOVERING...

### Multiple Identities...

Okay we talk a lot about identity, and there is good reason for that... Knowing ones identity is well, sometimes hard. Think back to when you were a little kid and your identity was totally wrapped up in your family. Your parents were the known factor in your life. People did not really know you, they knew your family and that is how they gave you identity. For a few years that was cool. But as you got older you started to fight, fight for your independence, and you fought for your identity. You know longer just wanted to be known as your parents child, you wanted to be known for you and who you were become. This is the way it is, we need to be known for who we are. This is the start of multiple identities, we are known for who we are by the family we are apart of and we are known for who we want people to know us for. Think about it family friends know you as one person and school friends know you as someone else. We try new things and we seek to be accepted, when we try something new we either find approval or disapproval. If we find approval then we will do it again and aging and it becomes part of our identity. But is it who we really are? As time goes by and we get older, we keep trying new things and we keep

forming new parts to our identity depending on the group that we are with. Before long we have many identities and many different groups that we run with. This is the way that it is for many of us. This is how we form us and over time it gets difficult to know who we really are. This is not how it was supposed to be. We are all given an identity, but we must look to the source to truly find out who we are. Take a look at this verse. **1 John 3:1 How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are.** If we go to the source, we find that we are to be children of God, we are to look to God to find out who we are. Identity is a source issue where we go to get identity determines what our identity will be. We need to seek out the best possible source for our identity. We have to know who God says we are. It is a maze out there and the only way we will find our way through it is by getting the best possible direction that we could ever get. Each day we choose who we will be, step by step minute by minute we all have multiple identities, and we need to live in the identity that comes from the best possible source, we need to live out or identity as children of God.

*Would you rather...?*

...be who the crowd tells you, you are or be the person God says you are?

...change who you listen to or listen to the person you look up to the most?

Living Extreme means...

Means only wanting the best!

I mean who doesn't want the best!

To be the best that we can be we need to know who we are and we have to choose to be that person each day.

Think about it what if you were the son or daughter of the greatest King who ever lived. How would that change how you act, how would that change the way that you think about yourself? Your identity would be free to be all that it could ever be because you would know who you are because of where you come from.

Know think about that for a moment because if you really understand who you are then you would know that you are a child of God and that means you are the son and daughter of the greatest King ever. Wanting the best identity that you could ever have is knowing that you are loved and accepted for who you are, because the one who is loving you and accepting you is the same one who created you to be you! That is choosing the best, and when you choose the best the imitations of you shatter all around you and fall flat to the ground because they will never ever be as good as you are. Each day you know who you are and who you will be because you are choosing the best the very best that you could ever be. YOU are a SON or DAUGHTER of the MOST HIGH KING!

# DIG IN

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List three things that identify you as the child of your mother and father.

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List your top three identities that you live out of.

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List three things that identify you as a child of God

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List your best three character traits that make up your identity.

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Do you live out 1 John 3:1 (do you live like a child of God or like an orphan? ) Talk about it what are the differences?

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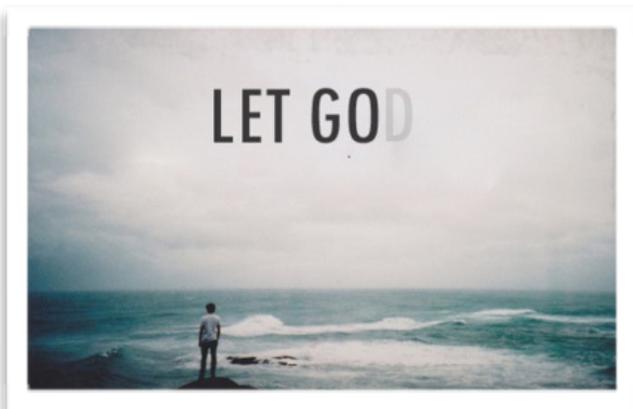
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Why does God call us His Children?

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# CHARACTER

Who judges who? Do you believe all that everyone says about you? Do you allow other people to shape your identity? Extreme character would guide you to be who God says you are no matter what anyone else says. You decide each day who you will listen to. We have all listened to the wrong people before, it is time for us to be extreme and sit with God and allow Him to tell us who we really are. Then we must live out that life each day.

## Think About it...

### (The Story of your life...)

Every story has good parts and bad parts. We have all believed things that aren't true. Even though they are not true as soon as we believed them they became part of our story and being part of our story does not make them true, but we believe them and well they are more true to us than the truth. This is how we develop multiple identities and we seek to please people.

What can save us from this crazy life style, what can save us from the lies that we have believe about ourselves and about others? Every habit we have good or bad is rooted in how we see ourselves. What can we do to change this? What can we do to challenge ourselves to something better?

Here is what I want you to do I want you to think about this one fact.

I really want you to think about it. If you think just by thinking, cool, if you think by journaling, cool. Do what you have to do but think about this one fact!

FACT:

GOD LOVES YOU AND YOU ARE HIS CHILD...

Take a look at the verses and read them and believe them:

Let them be the things that remove the grey dots and the stars that you have received in life. Let His Identity be your identity!

Galatians 3:26

You are all sons of god through faith in Christ Jesus.

Galatians 4:6-7

Because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who call out, Abba, Father." So you are no longer a slave, but a son; and since you are a son, God has made you also and heir.

John 1:12

Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.

Romans 8:14

because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.

# CAPTURE THE FLAG

We had a blast playing Capture the Flag with the Orchard church. More fun coming your way!



Continued...

Romans 8:16

The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.

You will never escape that you are a child of God. You might spend some time in the dark because you believe other voices. You may have many stars and many dots. But they will never ever full identify you. God alone and the tittle that we have as children of God will be the only thing that satisfies who we really are.

Live to the full and to the best is knowing that you are a child of God!

Read over these verses every day and ask yourself, who do they say I am?

Believe and except great things for you are a child of God!

