

Recognize

- ❖ One of the most challenging things you will face in your life is you.
 - Recognizing who God is
 - Recognizing who you are
 - Recognizing that you are not always right
 - Recognizing that you are in your own way
 - Recognizing that you have not surrendered

God Can Not Be Separated from His Word

- ❖ It is settled forever – Luke 21:33
 - God is the Word and the Word is God – John 1:1
 - He will perform His Word – Jer. 1:12
 - God inspired the Word to be written by men – 2 Tim. 3:16; 2 Pet. 1:20-21; Exo. 34:27
 - God is still speaking – Deut. 25:4
- ❖ The Word of God supersedes man's knowledge
 - Isa. 40:22 – written 2,800 years ago
 - Job. 26:7 – written 4,000 years ago
- ❖ Negating the Power of the Word is negating the Power of God – Heb. 4:12; Isa. 29:13
 - Mark 7:6-13
 - 1 John 5:9-12; John 1:18; Hebrews 1:1-4

Who God Is

- ❖ God has never been confused about who He is – Isaiah 43:10; 44:6-8
- ❖ God is the only True God – John 17:3; 1 Corinthians 8:5-6
- ❖ God will not share His worship – Exo. 34:14; Luke 4:8
- ❖ Some reasons people worship false gods:
 - We do not know the True God – Galatians 4:8-9; Jude 1:25
 - Lack of teaching – Psa. 86:8-10; 2 Tim. 3:16; Gal. 1:6-9
 - When we know Him, we refuse to worship Him – Rom. 1:21-25
 - Worship must be as defined by God and not us – John 4:21-23
 - We leave ourselves open to deception – Deut. 11:16-28; Deut. 30:17; 1 Cor. 10:14; 1 John 5:21
 - It is justified by others – Exo. 20:3; Exo. 32:1-21
 - What others hear as praise may well be the sound of war in the camp – Exo. 32:17
 - There haven't been consequences yet –

We Are Called to Conform to Christ's Image and Not Our Own

- ❖ We are not to conform to the world – Rom. 12:1-2; 1 Pet. 1:13-16 (KJV & MSG)
 - What is good and acceptable and perfect

- ❖ We must die to ourselves and our wills – Gal. 2:20
- ❖ Jesus is the Image of God – Col. 1:9-18
- ❖ Conforming to the Image of Christ requires putting on the new man – Eph. 4:24; Eph. 2:1-10
- ❖ Conforming requires humbling and yielding to God – Phil. 2:5-11

Who Am I?

- ❖ Outside of Christ – Col. 3:7; Eph. 5:8
- ❖ Inside of Christ – 2 Cor. 5:17
- ❖ What I speak over my life
 - Words of affirmation or words of desecration
 - Affirmation
 - More than a conqueror
 - The head and not the tail
 - Above only and not beneath
 - Favored by God
 - Child of the Most High God
 - Desecration
 - Sinner
 - Failure
 - Mistake
 - Inconvenience
 - Unwanted
- ❖ A minister of reconciliation – 2 Cor. 5:18

I am not always right

- ❖ We can be walking in the dark while thinking we are in the light – Pro. 14:12-17; Luke 18:9-14
- ❖ The very word repent itself points to our need to leave ourselves and accept God's way as right
 - Repent (Acts 2:38) – metanoēō: to undergo a change in frame of mind and feeling, to repent, Luk 17:3-4; to make a change of principle and practice, to reform (Mounce Concise Greek-English Dictionary)
- ❖ You can't be cleansed from unrighteousness you refuse to confess – 1 John 1:9

I Can Walk with God Again

- ❖ We can be walking in the dark while thinking we are in the light – Pro. 14:12-17; Luke 18:9-14

Recognizing Who You Really Are: Moses

Exodus 1

- ❖ Exo. 1:6: Joseph died
- ❖ God already knows who you are and who you will become
 - We don't need God or people to recognize us. We need to recognize God's Will and His Way
 - WILL – Exo. 1:7: They kept on growing and becoming greater – Gen. 47:27
 - ◆ God had already promised to make a great nation of them – Gen 46:3
 - WAY – Gen. 15:13: God spoke what would happen before Abram was even Abraham

The How and Why of Oppression

- ❖ vs. 8: Lack of knowledge – Arose a king that knew not Joseph
 - Joseph's works couldn't save his people from what they would endure
 - We know today we aren't saved by works but by grace – Eph. 2:8
 - Men forget your works for them but not the Lord – Rev.14:13
- ❖ vs. 9: Your Potential – Even your enemies recognize and acknowledge your potential and might by how they treat you
- ❖ vs.10: Fear led to oppression because afraid they may join their enemies

Craftiness

- ❖ vs. 11: set taskmasters over them to afflict them (Exo. 3:7) with burdens (vs. 14; 2:11)
 - They used their talents and abilities to build treasure cities for the enemy

Growth through Persecution – vs. 12-14

- ❖ God grows His people through persecution – Acts 8; 11, 14:21-22

The Courage of the Midwives (vs. 15-22)

- ❖ Shiphrah (Fair) and Puah (to glitter, brilliancy)
- ❖ Pharoah's instructions – kill the boys when they are first born
 - Stop them from ever growing...
 - This is and has always been the plan of the enemy – Gen. 3:15
- ❖ Vs. 17: The midwives feared God and saved the male children – Pro. 16:6
 - Obeyed God rather than the king – Dan. 3:16-19
- ❖ Vs. 20-21: God was pleased with the midwives – Pro. 11:18
 - God gave them families of their own
- ❖ Now read Acts 7:17-22 (MSG)
 - Acts 7:22: Moses was both intellectually and athletically impressive
- ❖ God is speaking to spiritual midwives today

Exodus 2

- ❖ Vs. 1: read Exo. 6:20
 - Jochebed: Moses mother, name means Jehovah is glory
 - Amram: Moses father, name means exalted people, high people
- ❖ Vs. 2: Moses mother realized there was something special about him (goodly child) and decided to hide him to protect him for 3 months

- ❖ Vs. 3: Jochebed could no longer hide Moses so had to release him into the Hands of God to protect him
 - Heb. 11:23 lets us know it wasn't just momma that hid Moses
 - Made an ark (têbâh) – word only used in reference to Noah and Moses
 - We've got to learn to build an ark for our children
 - Moses placed in same water but not the same way...

- ❖ Vs. 4-10
 - God favored Moses even in his cry which brought compassion from Pharoah's daughter
 - Miriam gets their own mother to nurse him and Pharoah's daughter pays her
 - Pharoah's daughter names him Moses
 - To Egyptians, it meant drawn out
 - To Israelites, it means one who draws out