



#A TIME TO PLANT

***TALK TO
THE HAND!***



4 key truths in the series:

#A TIME TO PLANT REQUIRES US TO:

- **Prepare** to have our identity rooted in Gods love
- **Prepare** for personal involvement
- **Prepare** for process not events
- **Prepare** for practical engagement



**WE MUST PREPARE TO HAVE OUR
IDENTITY ROOTED IN GODS LOVE**

It doesn't happen automatically!





1. Acceptance
Grace
(Ephesians 2:4-5)

2. Renewal
Resources constantly renewed
through dependence on God
(Ephesians 2:7)

3. Identity
Sense of
significance
(Ephesians 2:6)

The victorious cycle (of grace)

4. Achievement (service)
In loving, obedient ministry
(Ephesians 2:10)

WHAT IS THE SOLID BIBLICAL FOUNDATION FOR OUR IDENTITY?

1 Peter 2:9-10



GOD'S TRUE VIEW OF YOU: In Christ . . .

1. I'm completely accepted
2. I'm extremely valued
3. I'm eternally loved
4. I'm totally forgiven
5. I'm fully capable

1 Peter 2:9-10



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1. I'M COMPLETELY ACCEPTED

CHOSEN by God himself!" 1 Peter 2:9 (Living Bible)

- **BECAUSE GOD CHOSE ME BEFORE EVERYTHING**

"He chose us in him before the creation of the world, to be holy and blameless in his sight by his love." Ephesians 1:4

- **BECAUSE JESUS MADE ME ACCEPTABLE**

"Jesus treated us much better than we deserve. He made us acceptable to God and gave us the hope of eternal life."

Titus 3:7 (CEV)



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2. I'M EXTREMELY VALUABLE

"You are a HOLY nation, a people BELONGING to God" 1 Peter 2:9

*"You are a people holy to the Lord your God . . . his treasured possession."
Deuteronomy 7:6 (NIV), God says: "You are precious to me." Isaiah 43:4 (TEV)*

- **BECAUSE GOD IS MY FATHER**

"Look at the birds . . . God feeds them and you are far more valuable to Him than any birds!" Luke 12:24

- **BECAUSE JESUS GAVE HIS LIFE FOR ME**

*"You have been bought and paid for by Christ,
so you belong to him . . ." 1 Corinthians 7:23 (LB)*



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3. I'M ETERNALLY LOVED

"Once you were not a people, but NOW YOU ARE THE PEOPLE OF GOD."

1 Peter 2:10

"I have loved you, my people, with an everlasting love. With unfailing love I have drawn you to myself." Jeremiah 31:3 (NLT)

- **BECAUSE GOD IS LOVE**

"God's love is eternal and his faithfulness lasts forever."

Psalms 100:5 (TEV)



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4. I AM TOTALLY FORGIVEN

"At one time you did not know God's mercy, but now you have RECEIVED HIS MERCY."

1 Peter 2:10b (TEV)

"There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus." Romans 8:1

- **BECAUSE IT IS GOD'S NATURE TO FORGIVE**

"I am the God who forgives your sins, and I do this because of who I am.

I will not hold your sins against you." Isaiah 43:25 (TEV)

- **BECAUSE JESUS PAID FOR MY SINS**

"For by the blood of Christ we are set free, that is, our sins are forgiven. How great is the grace of God!"

Ephesians 1:7 (TEV)



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5. I AM FULLY CAPABLE

"You are royal priests . . . chosen to tell about the wonderful acts of God, who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light." 1 Peter 2:9 (NCV)

"The capacity we have comes from God; it is he who made us capable of serving the new covenant . . ." 2 Corinthians 3:5b-6 (TEV)

- **BECAUSE CHRIST LIVES IN ME**

*"I can do everything through Christ who gives me strength."
Philippians 4:13*



CONCLUSION: (HANDOUT)

Want to bring you some practical next steps that you can engage in this week as you seek to grow in God's identity for you.

Questions to bring to God:

As you listen to His voice it will help you understand the season you are in:

- *What is God doing in this season?*
- *What is my assignment from heaven in the season I'm in?*
- *What character is being formed in me?*
- *What key life messages are being formed in me?*
- *What is it preparing me for?*
- *How 'mature' or 'ready' am I in my current season?*
- *How can I align with what God is doing in the season I am in?*
- *What is the pace and rhythm of the season?*



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MIDWEEK GROUP

- What's something you noticed for the first time?
- What questions did you have?
- Was there anything that bothered or challenged you?
- What did you learn about loving God?
- What did you learn about loving others?





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