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1. When Carlie married Ashley, she became Mrs. Ashley Daniel Terradez. Her maiden name changed and she took on his name.
 - a. With this change in identity, Carlie assumed the power to legally represent Ashley.
 - b. Carlie gained all rights and authority that came with becoming Ashley’s wife.
 - c. In the same way, when we are born again, Jesus gave us His name and authority, so now we have the legal right, power, and dominion to represent Him here on Earth.
 - d. This is our new identity that God intended for us to walk in before we were even born, so we need to take ahold of it.

2. Psalm 139:1-4 (MEV) – *“O LORD, You have searched me and known me. ² You know when I sit down and when I get up; You understand my thought from far off. ³ You search my path and my lying down and are aware of all my ways. ⁴ For there is not a word on my tongue, but behold, O LORD, You know it fully.”*
 - a. God planned you, and He knows you!
 - b. You may have been misunderstood your whole life, but God understand your thoughts because He put you together.
 - c. He is intimately acquainted with every part of you: every personality trait or quirk, every part of your body. He is your Creator!
 - d. He knows what you are about to say before you even say it.

3. Psalm 139:5 (MEV) – *“You put Yourself behind and before me, and keep Your hand on me.”*
 - a. This is like when a parent takes hold of the hand of their child when crossing the street. God ***always has a grip on your hand!***

4. Psalm 139:13-14 (MEV) – *“¹³ You brought my inner parts into being; You wove me in my mother’s womb. ¹⁴ I will praise you, for You made me with fear and wonder; marvelous are Your works, and You know me completely.”*
 - a. The world is so confused in the realm of identity because they don’t realize that God created them!
 - b. We have a Creator who made us with a purpose, with an identity that was not of our own choosing, an identity in Him.
 - c. If we think that we get to choose our own identity, we are likely to pick the wrong one.
 - d. Your parents may not have expected you, but God planned for you!

- e. If we don't understand who we are in Christ, we will fall for a counterfeit identity of this world.
 - f. Our identity affects our life choices: If our identity is in Christ, we will see ourselves the way God does and make godly choices. If our identity is in a counterfeit of the world, we will not follow the plan God created for us.
 - g. This is where gender confusion and any other identity crisis comes from.
5. The enemy wants to be you, so his number one goal is to attack your identity!
- a. The devil wants the power and authority that comes from your true identity as a child of God, so his jealousy motivates him to do what he can to deceive you out of it.
 - b. "He hates us 'cause he ain't us!"
6. Psalm 139:15-18 (MEV) – *"¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from You when I was made in secret, and intricately put together in the lowest parts of the earth. ¹⁶ Your eyes saw me unformed, yet in Your book all my days were written, before any of them came into being. ¹⁷ How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How great is the sum of them! ¹⁸ If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand; when I awake, I am still with You."*
- a. Your life was not by accident; God has a plan and a purpose for your life!
 - b. When we begin to see ourselves the way God sees us, when we let this sink down on the inside of us, it changes everything about us.
 - c. There's no application process for becoming a member of the British Royal Family. Even if someone marries into the family, they still are not part of the royal bloodline.
 - d. You are part of the bloodline of Jesus! You aren't just married into the family; you are born again into the family of God (Ephesians 1:5).
7. Recognizing your identity will cause you to act differently.
- a. You become more confident and less intimidated or afraid, and we gain boldness.
 - b. It's like being confronted by a bully on the playground. That bully loses some of his bluster when he sees that your Dad is standing there behind you.
 - c. Your Dad is standing with you, and He can defeat any bully!
 - d. The way to understand and begin to walk in your true identity is by reading the Word of God to find out what God says about us. It paints a picture on the inside of you of who you truly are.
 - e. Otherwise, your identity could be in your experiences, in your social standing, or in your accolades. But all of those things are subject to change, they are temporary, so they cannot be what you base your identity on.
 - Those things can be influenced by the enemy because they are earthly.

- But your identity isn't earthly—it is eternal. Even before you were born, God had your days planned and He knew you.
8. John 10:10 (MEV) – *“The thief does not come, except to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.”*
- a. Since the beginning of time, the enemy has tried to intervene in the realm of identity.
 - b. You can look back in Genesis 3 to find Adam and Eve in the Garden. The fall happened b/c satan deceived Eve into believing a lie that if she ate the fruit she would become like God. But she was **already like God!** She was created in God's image, so she didn't need to do anything to become anymore like God.
 - c. Eve didn't have a firsthand account of some of the things that Adam did, so she was able to be deceived. We need to have a firsthand account of our identity in Christ to avoid the enemy being able to deceive us out of it.
 - d. We cannot allow our identity to be formed by the opinions of others, or on anything outside of the Word of God.
 - e. **The whole fall happened because Eve put more trust and confidence in the words of the serpent than she did in the Words of God.**
 - f. When we start to listen to lies, we are beginning to engage with them, and they are coming to rob us of our power, authority and position.
9. Numbers 13:1-2 (MEV) – *“And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, ² ‘Send men that they may explore the land of Canaan, which I am giving to the children of Israel...’”*
- a. The Lord gave a land, provision, for His children.
 - b. Moses sent in the spies. 10 came back with a bad report, that there were giants in the land/challenges they weren't anticipating (Numbers 13).
 - c. Many challenges we face are against our identity at the root, even though they may be in the form of fear, shame, condemnation, or even questioning the promises of God. But these are attacks against our identity as children of God.
 - d. **If we really know what it means to be a child of God, then we will never doubt that our Father will provide for us.**
 - e. When the 10 spies came back with the negative report, and couldn't see past the challenges, they had forgotten whose children they were! If they had remembered that God was on their side, that they were children of the Most High, they would have had boldness in moving forward, like Joshua and Caleb did.
10. Numbers 13:33 (MEV) – *“And there we saw the giants, the sons of Anak, which come from the giants, and in our eyes we were like grasshoppers, and so we were in their eyes.”*
- a. When we start to see ourselves outside of the Word of God, that is how the world will react to us. But when we start to identify with who God says we are, it will give us the boldness to overcome any challenge.

- b. They didn't have spiritual blindness because they hadn't seen the power of God. (They had seen God part the Red Sea and provide manna in the desert, etc.) **They had spiritual blindness because they didn't know who they were.**
11. Numbers 14:11 (MEV) – *“The Lord said to Moses, ‘How long will this people disgrace Me? And how long will they not believe Me, in spite of all the signs which I have done among them?’”*
- a. Disgrace is a really strong word! They were disagreeing with who God said they were, and it became a disgrace.
 - b. When we speak negatively about ourselves—I'm too weak, I'm too poor, I can't, I won't, etc. — it is like we are disgracing God. We are saying, “I don't believe Your Word. I don't believe what You say about me.”
 - c. The words that come out of our mouths will often indicate how we really see ourselves, especially under pressure.
 - d. God wants us to walk in all of His promises, and when we don't understand our identity, we won't be able to receive them properly. This is why it is a disgrace to Him, because He wants us to walk in His blessing on earth and testify of Him.
 - e. Sometimes we will have challenges (like the giants in the Promised Land), but God wants us to walk in victory over those challenges.
 - f. “How long will they not believe Me?” They were not defeated by their enemy, they were defeated by their mistaken identity.
 - g. Even the enemy is motivated by his desire for an identity he wasn't created to have.
12. Our true identity isn't a program we have to complete. It is position in which we stand.
- a. Identity is a revelation of our position.
 - b. We have moved from being a child of darkness to a child of light.
 - c. 1 Peter 2:9 (NKJV) – *“But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.”*
 - d. This is a truth that is received by faith.
13. Colossians 1:13 (NKJV) – *“He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love.”*
- a. You have changed addresses! You became a child of the King.
 - b. Now we have to spend the time to renew our minds to the Word of God to gain the revelation of our true identity.
 - c. You will walk in the promises of God to the degree that you understand your identity, your power and position, in Christ.

14. 2 Corinthians 3:16-17 (AMPC) – *“¹⁶ But whenever a person turns [in repentance] to the Lord, the veil is stripped off and taken away. ¹⁷ Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty (emancipation from bondage, freedom).”*
- a. That veil in vs. 16 is the separation that existed between us and God. But when Jesus died, the veil in the temple was torn in two! (Matthew 27:51). There is now no mask, no separation, between us and the Lord.
 - b. The freedom that we have in Christ is the key to everything.
15. 2 Corinthians 3:18 (AMPC) – *“¹⁸ And all of us, as with unveiled face, [because we] continued to behold [in the Word of God] as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are constantly being transfigured into His very own image in ever increasing splendor and from one degree of glory to another; [for this comes] from the Lord [Who is] the Spirit.”*
- a. The more we look into the Word of God, the more we will see ourselves transformed into the image of Jesus.
 - b. Our spirits are completely, 100% brand new and perfect. But our souls and bodies are still in the process of being renewed.
 - c. The Holy Spirit wants to reveal to you who you really are so that you can stand up to the lies of the enemy.
 - d. He has no power over us, unless we listen to his lies! We are not victims; we are victorious. We are world overcomers!
 - e. Your transformation begins with your agreement with the Word of God over your circumstances or any other opinion in the world.
 - f. Maybe you have a dysfunctional past, but when you were born again, you became part of a new family, and you became a brand-new creature.
 - g. You can get your own Terradez Ministries Confession Card for free at <https://terradezministries.com/confession-card/>
16. If anyone had an identity crisis, it was Moses!
- a. However, Moses is the man who led the children out of Egypt and performed many miracles!
 - b. Moses was born a Hebrew slave. So, he could understand the identity crisis the spies went through in Numbers 13.
 - c. To keep Moses from being killed by the Egyptians as a baby, she set him in a basket in the Nile river, and Pharaoh’s daughter found and adopted him as her own son.
 - d. Then Moses’ mother was hired to raise Moses! He knew he was born a slave, but raised as an Egyptian royal. As a result of his identity crisis, he murdered an Egyptian for beating a Hebrew slave.

17. Exodus 3:10 (MEV) – *“Come now therefore, and I will send you to Pharaoh so that you may bring forth My people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt.”*
- Sometimes in order to get us past our identity crises, the Lord will have us go back to correct things.
 - God was showing Moses that he didn’t have to be afraid or ashamed of his past. He was telling him, “Moses, I’m going to use you to defeat the very thing that came to destroy you.”
18. Exodus 3:11 (MEV) – *“Moses said to God, ‘Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and that I should bring forth the children of Israel out of Egypt?’”*
- God was speaking to Moses, in an audible voice from a burning bush, giving Him a defined purpose, yet his response was, “Who am I?”
 - This came from a place of broken identity.
 - Even though God went to great lengths to encourage and comfort him, Moses kept coming up with excuses for why he couldn’t do it.
 - “What am I going to say to them? What if they don’t believe me? I’m not a good speaker.” Broken identity will give voice to natural concerns.
 - We need to retrain our brains so that our confession is lined up with what the Word says about us.
 - All through Scripture, God takes broken people and transforms their lives so much that you would never know they were broken.
19. Exodus 3:21-22 (MEV) – *“²¹ I will give this people favor in the sight of the Egyptians, and it will come to pass, that, when you go, you will not go empty-handed. ²² But every woman will borrow of her neighbor, and of her that sojourns in her house, articles of silver, and articles of gold, and clothing, and you will put them on your sons, and on your daughters—in this way you will plunder the Egyptians.”*
- God took Moses from fear to favor!
 - When we start to believe what God says about us, there may be a little bit of fear because we are doing something unnatural to our flesh. It takes faith to start confessing what God says about you and to renew your mind.
 - But when we do that, we will go from a place of fear to a place of favor!
 - You can change your family tree. You may have been in slavery in the past, but God doesn’t see you as a slave. You can take back what the devil stole!
 - Moses had to come to a place of maturity where he began to use what God had given him.

20. Three steps to standing in your identity.
 - a. Understand our identity, knowing what the Word says about us.
 - b. Put faith in our identity, believing what God says about us.
 - c. Determine which call we are going to answer. You can know that you're a child of God, but are you answering the call to a broken identity, or the call to the true identity in Jesus.

21. When we start agreeing with our true identity, power is released and authority follows.

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