

TITLE: "WHO AM I?"

TEXT: Galatians 3:26-4:7

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**SERIES: "MADE FOR MORE" - Living the Lifestyle of the Transformed
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Transformed from a slave to a child of God. It is a shift in identity based on a new relationship with God.

***PROPS: Could Dean make "Who AM I?" Signs with backing on the stands and have up for the sermon. Maybe Helen**

****Big sign across sanctuary for series: "MADE FOR MORE"**

INTRODUCTION: WHO AM I? In the book, *SoulShift*, the authors tell the story of Jeff Brady who lived in Grant County, Indiana. It is not a fictional story like the story of Jason Bourne. One night, two men broke into Jeff's house. There was a fight and struggle between him and the two robbers who bashed the owner's head on concrete. Jeff Brady survived but when he awoke twelve hours later, he did not remember a thing. It is called amnesia. He woke up in a strange place not knowing how he was or how he got there.

1. Could you imagine waking up and saying, "Who am I?"
2. Could you imagine, men, waking up with a massive headache seeing a woman there you did not recognize, caring for you compassionately, telling you that she was your wife?
3. Could you imagine having a little child put in your arms but you had no remembrance or knowledge that child was your child?
4. Imagine people coming into your room, talking with you and praying for you but you did not recognize a single face though they told you that they knew you well.
5. Imagine desperately trying to probe deep into your mind to pull up a memory, any memory, but your mind was blank slate.
6. You can't remember phone numbers or even that you are not to touch a hot pan in the oven.
7. Imagine what it would be like to be separated from any memories that would connect you with people, events, or experiences of your past or present or provide a road to the future.
8. Though Jeff eventually recovered from the horrible physical trauma, his recovery from the mental trauma was a different story.
9. He was faced with the battle of figuring out the thousand of details and experiences that bring about our identity.
10. He was forced to depend upon family and others to fill in the blank.
11. They told him his name was Jeff and that they knew him better than he knew himself.
12. They revealed his identity and told him who he was.
13. Who and what do you depend upon for your identity?

14. The concept of God giving us a new identity is one of the central themes of the Bible.
15. Abram became Abraham, Jacob became Israel, Simon became Peter and Saul became Paul.
16. Each new name marked one of God's people with a new identity.
17. Paul writes of a new identity in Christ in his letter to Corinth.
"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!" (II Corinthians 5:17)
18. The Galatians were discovering who they were.
19. They were a people **made for more.**
20. Paul writes the Galatians with the promise, provision, and privilege of their new identity.

I. (vs.26-29) THE PROMISE: THROUGH FAITH, YOU ARE A CHILD OF GOD

1. How do you see yourself? How do others see you? How does God see you?
2. Through the years, many have wrestled with the question "Who am I?", seeking to discover who they really are.
3. Many have tried to find their identity in what they do or how others perceive them.
4. The voices of our world and culture often try to mold us, telling us we are not important, with messages like "You are unimpressive," "You're not good enough," "You are a failure," or "You are a loser."
5. The circumstances and situations of our lives often lead to conclusions of who we are and who we are not.
6. In this letter to the Galatians, Paul helps the church to answer the "Who am I?" question.
7. Paul clarifies and confirms the identity of the Galatians who had faith in Jesus Christ.
"You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus." (Galatians 3:26)
8. God wants us to discover our true identity in Christ.
9. Paul writes and says, "I want to tell you who you are. You are all sons of God."
10. In Jewish literature, "sons of God" was a title of highest honor, used only for the members of righteous Israel.
11. Paul now declares Gentiles, the rejected, the outside, the sinners, those who did not observe all the religious laws are called sons of God.
12. God is Father to all by virtue of His creation, but acceptance into His family in a spiritual sense comes only by adoption through faith in Jesus Christ.
13. The promise is that through faith in Christ, you are a child of God.
"Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God-children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God." (John 1:12-13)
14. Through faith in Christ, **all** can be sons or daughters of God.

15. It is not limited to a few very religious people.
16. This relationship is through faith in the person of Jesus Christ.
17. Religious rules and regulations won't bring you into a new relationship with God, but faith in Jesus Christ does.

ILLUSTRATION: Catherine Booth, wife of William Booth, founder of the Salvation Army said, **“What the law tried to do by a restraining power from without, the gospel does by an inspiring power from within.” (Catherine Booth.)

18. Through faith, they were not just students of religion, but children of God enjoying an immediate and constant relationship with the Father with all the privileges of an heir.
19. More than religious faith, it is faith in the person of Jesus Christ.
20. For Paul and the early Christians, the faith was synonymous with being in Christ.
21. Regardless of what you were, faith in Jesus Christ brings you into to a new relationship with God.
22. Through faith, you are not an outsider trying to pretend you are something or someone you are not.
23. Faith transforms our relationship with God.
24. You were made for more than just to serve the Lord or do religious things.
25. You were made to have an intimate relationship with God.
26. You were made for more than to be a slave to religion, you were made to be a child of God.
27. You were made to be His child, with all the blessings and privilege of being part of God's family.
28. You were not made to just attend church – you were made to be a child of God.
29. You were not made to be just a religious person – you were made to be a child of God through faith in Jesus Christ.
30. You were not made to just try to do what is right – you were made to be a child of God through faith in Christ.
31. Through Christ, you have a right to be His child.
32. Don't let the world rob you of your true identity.
33. Don't let the voice of doubt tell you that you are not who you are through faith in Jesus Christ.
34. God has not called us to just act like His children, but to be His children.
35. God has not just called me to act like His son, but to be His son.
36. God has not just called you to act like His daughter, but to be His daughter.
37. God has not just called us to serve Him, but to be His Children.

EXAMPLE: The story of the Prodigal Son, as told in Luke 15. A son took his inheritance, left the family and went into the far country. He spent it all and found himself destitute, eating with the pigs. He said to himself, “The servants of my father's house are better off than I am. I will go back and ask to be a servant.” When he returned, the father declared, “My son who was lost has returned.” The Prodigal Son is a story about

forgiveness and second chances, but it is the story of one who wanted to come back as a slave and instead he was granted position and privilege of a child. He was a child of the Father.

38. You are a child of the Heavenly Father through faith in Jesus Christ.

ILLUSTRATION: *Author Henri Nouwen said, "There is something in us that wants to settle for being a hired servant."

39. Faith in Jesus Christ changes our perspective of God and our relationship with God.

40. When we shift from slave or just a servant to Child, we have a different perspective of God

"I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you." (John 15:15)

41. There is a transition that takes place in our relationship with God through faith in Christ.

42. We are not longer just serving Him but we are friends and children of the Lord.

43. We were made for more in our relationship with God.

44. Fear is eclipsed by intimacy with God through faith in Christ.

"For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, 'Abba, Father.'" (Romans 8:15)

45. Through faith in Christ, we are united with Him, participate in Him and are incorporated into Him.

46. Several positive aspects and privileges of union with Christ are now highlighted in today's passage.

"For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ." (Galatians 3:27)

47. Removing doubt of their relationship, he reminds them they were baptized into Christ and have clothed themselves with Christ.

48. Baptism is a testimony to dying with Christ and rising with Christ unto a new life and a new relationship.

"We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life." (Romans 6:4)

49. One theologian remarked, "A baptism pictures the initial union with Christ by faith, being clothed with Christ portrays our participation in the moral perfection of Christ by faith."

50. In other letters like Colossians 3:12 and I Thessalonians 5:8, Paul uses this metaphor of putting on clothing to mean taking on the virtues of Christ.

51. To be clothed with Christ is to assume the person and character of Christ's righteousness and to become like Christ.

ILLUSTRATION: (Sing Song) One hymn writer said, "Dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne." The Chorus says, "On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand. All other ground is sinking sand."

52. One commentator remarked, "If Paul is thinking of the theatre, where this word was employed, he means that one is identified with Christ on the world stage."

ILLUSTRATION: Max Lucado wrote this: "I make no claim to being a good golfer, but I love to play golf, watch golf, and on good nights, I even dream golf. So, when I was invited to attend the Masters Golf Tournament, I was thrilled. A pass to the Masters is the golfer's Holy Grail. Mine came via pro golfer, Scott Simpson.

Off we went, to Augusta National Country Club in Georgia, where golf heritage hangs like moss from the trees. I was a kid in a candy store. It wasn't enough to see the course and walk the grounds; I wanted to see the locker room where the clubs of Ben Hogan and Paul Azinger are displayed.

But they wouldn't let me in. A guard stopped me at the entrance. I showed him my pass, but he shook his head. I told him I knew Scott, but that didn't matter. "Only caddies and players," he explained. Well, he knew I wasn't a player or a caddie. Caddies are required to wear white coveralls. My clothing was a dead giveaway. So I left, knowing I had made it all the way to the door but was denied entrance."

53. God has one requirement for entrance into heaven, that we be clothed in Christ.

54. In Christ, we are truly members of righteous Israel.

"There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus." (Galatians 3:28)

55. The new vertical relationship with God results in a new horizontal relationship with one another.

56. Barriers and inequalities are removed in Christ, for we are one in Christ.

57. All the divisions and prejudices that matter so much in the world are abolished in Christ.

58. In Christ, there are no second class family members.

59. In Christ, we find ourselves and find our identity as children of God.

60. We don't have to become something we are not, but we are to be who we are in Christ.

"If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise." (Galatians 3:29)

61. By belonging to Christ, we receive the benefits which God decreed long ago should come to the descendants of Abraham.

62. Since the Galatian Christians belong to Christ, they are directly related to Abraham and recipients of the blessing promised to Abraham and full membership in the covenant people of God.

63. Peter said it this way, **"But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy." (I Peter 2:9-10)**

64. Embrace the wondrous new life you have and the new relationship you have in Christ as His children.

ILLUSTRATION: In the story, *Princess Diaries*, Amelia visits her grandmother at her opulent mansion in San Francisco. A butler leads Amelia to the grand living room, where she stands amazed as several servants bustle about. Suddenly, all the servants stand at attention as Amelia's grandmother enters the room. The contrast between Amelia and her refined grandmother is painfully apparent. After some small talk, Amelia, feeling uncomfortable, finally asks her grandmother, "What is it you want to tell me?"

Her grandmother answers, "Something, I believe, that will have a very big impact on your life." They walk outside to talk, and her grandmother begins to explain. "Amelia, have you ever heard of Eduard Cristof Philip Gerard Renaldi?"

"No," Amelia responds. Her grandmother tells Amelia he was the crown prince of Genovia.

Amelia is as baffled as she is indifferent and shrugs her shoulders. "What about him?" she asks.

Her grandmother says, "Eduard Cristof Philip Gerard Renaldi was also your father."

Thinking her grandmother is only joking, she laughs, rolls her eyes in disbelief, and says, "If he was a prince, that would make me a—"

"Exactly," says her grandmother, "a princess. You see, you are not just Amelia Thermopolis. You are Amelia Mignonette Thermopolis Renaldi, the princess of Genovia."

Amelia can hardly speak as this new revelation sinks in.

"Me...a...a...a princess? Why on earth would you pick me to be your princess?"

"Since your father died, you are the natural heir to the throne of Genovia. That's our law. I'm royal by marriage; you are royal by blood. You can rule."

Mia blurts out: "Rule?! Oh no, oh no, no, no, no. Now you have really got the wrong girl. I never lead anybody, not at Brownies, not at Campfire Girls. Queen Clarisse, my expectation in life is to be invisible, and I am good at it. I don't want to be a princess!!"

65. The Bible says we are heirs of God according to the promise.

66. You were made for more.

67. Don't let the enemy of your soul deceive you and tell you that you are not a child of God.

68. You were made to be more than just a religious person.

69. You were made for more than to just live and die in this world.

70. You were made to be a child of God.

71. You were made to be heirs of God according to the promise.

72. Let us live up to who we are through the power of God within.

73. This promise is for all who are His children through faith in Christ Jesus.

74. "Who are you?"

75. THE PROMISE: You are a child of God through faith in Jesus Christ.

II. (vs. 1-5) THE PROVISION: GOD GAVE SO YOU MIGHT RECEIVE

1. Paul paints a portrait of a young boy in a wealthy home.
2. He is a legal heir, but as long as he is a child, his life is just like a slave in the sense he is subject to guardians and trustees.
3. The child was under their authority until the time set by his father when he was of age and free from their control.
4. In both Judaism and the Greek world, there was a time of entering into full responsibility as an adult.
5. Once that day of maturity comes, their love for their father will not be expressed through subjection to guardians but by a free expression of love from the heart as mature sons.
6. Paul uses this analogy to say we were in slavery under the basic principles of the world.
7. The elements, basic principles, or spirit of the world ruled and governed, but in God's time, He sent His son Jesus to set us free.

ILLUSTRATION: ** "At the heart of "worldliness" is who you love and who you trust to meet the deepest needs of your life." (Chip Ingram)

8. God gave His son so we no longer trust in the world or religious rules but in Christ.
9. At the center of this narrative is the narrative of the gospel story itself.
10. God intervened by sending His son.

"But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law." (Galatians 4:4)

11. The coming of Jesus is a Biblical and historical fact and reality.
12. The reference to the time of God's action in history is directly related to the time set by His father in Paul's portrait in verse 2.
13. God's redemptive work must be understood in the framework of His actions in history.
14. With the Incarnation, the whole human situation was transformed.
15. Christmas truly changes the world.
16. When God sent His Son, the former period of universal slavery ended; a new era of freedom was inaugurated.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him." (John 3:16-17)

17. God sent His Son so we might receive salvation and all God has for us as His children.
18. The description, "born of woman" declares His full humanity.
19. He was subject to temptations, suffering loneliness, and finally, on the cross, God-forsakenness and death.
20. The description, "born under law" declares Christ was born under law-conditions so that He might ransom those who were themselves under such conditions.

“For what the law was powerless to do in that it was weakened by the sinful nature, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful man to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in sinful man, in order that the righteous requirements of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the sinful nature but according to the Spirit.” (Romans 8:3-4)

21. The role of Christ was to redeem, to buy out of slavery, those imprisoned under law

ILLUSTRATION: (* Picture of Brooklyn Bridge) When the Brooklyn Bridge, which connects Brooklyn to Manhattan, was completed in 1883, it was the first steel suspension bridge in the world and justly regarded as a magnificent accomplishment. However there was a significant cost paid. The project cost the life of its architect, John Roebling and 27 others in its construction.

22. Christ is uniquely qualified to fulfill the purposes of redemption and sonships.

23. He paid the price so we could become fully, not partially, children of God.

24. Jesus came so we could be all in or all the way in as children of God.

“To redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons.” (Galatians 4:5)

25. Those under the law were set free to enjoy the full rights of sons only because God acted in history.

26. Through God’s grace, we become children of God.

ILLUSTRATION: God sent His Son, who by His divine nature was the Son of God, in order that we, who are not His children by nature, might be His children by adoption, and thus, receive the full rights of sons. The concept of substitution lies at the heart of both sin and salvation. For the essence of sin is man substituting himself for God, while the essence of salvation is God substituting himself for man. (—author and theologian, John Stott)

27. To redeem those under the law means to set them free from both the obligation to keep the law and the curse of lawbreaking.

28. He redeemed us so we might receive the full rights of sons.

29. Full right of sons is literally, in Greek, the word, adoption.

30. What comes to mind when you think of the word, adopted?

ILLUSTRATION: *(John draw cartoon – question in first picture, punch line is second copy). Josie Firstbrook and her husband had adopted their son, Eric, from Korea. When he was 5, they were having lunch at a restaurant, and Eric made conversation with a boy at the next table. At one point the boy asked Eric, “Why don’t you look like your mom?” “Cause she’s a girl,” he replied.

31. Adoption was defined by Roman law and widely practiced in Roman life.

32. When a son was adopted, he was in all legal respects equal with those born in his new family.

33. Our adoption means we are loved like Christ is loved.

34. He had the same name, the same inheritance, the same position and the same rights as the natural-born sons.

35. There were blessings that they were not privileged to enjoy in their former position.

ILLUSTRATION: Dave Druey tells how one time his dad wanted to congratulate him for something he accomplished in the sixth grade. “He took me to K-Mart and made a wide sweeping gesture with his hand toward the whole store from the entrance. He said, “To congratulate you, I’ll buy you anything in this whole store tonight.” My eyes widened as I thought of the possibilities.

At the time, I didn’t have a full grasp on how money worked or how much money Dad had. So, I sort of limited things in my mind. I didn’t even look at the huge stereo systems, expensive bikes, or anything that cost more than one hundred dollars. Instead, I chose a cassette tape case that was less than fifty dollars. I was content with just that case. It was more than I could afford myself, for sure, so I chose that one. It was nice. Only many years later did I find out from Dad that he had one thousand dollars cash in his pocket that night? What’s more, he brought his checkbook just in case that wasn’t enough. In my selection, I limited his blessing in my life.

36. Don’t limit what God wants to give you.

37. Receive all that God has provided for you as His child.

38. Don’t settle for less than the full salvation He has provided and all that is yours as a child of God.

III. (vs.6-7) THE PRIVILEGE POSITION: YOU ARE A CHILD AND HEIR “Because you are sons, God sent the Sprit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, ‘Abba, Father.’” (Galatians 4:6)

1. The position of sons of God is provided by God’s grace.
2. The privilege of experiencing and living out this relationship is the result of God’s action in sending the Sprit of His Son into our hearts.
3. God’s Spirit within enables us to enjoy and live out this relationship with God our Father.
4. God sent His Spirit within so we know at the deepest level of our being that God is our Father and we are His sons and daughters.

“The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children.” (Romans 8:16)

5. God sent the Spirit of His Son to speak to us within and to convince us that despite all our guilt, fears and doubts, the Father of Jesus is our Father, too.
6. God has given the witness of the Holy Spirit to our hearts that we are children of God.
7. His spirit gives us a new attitude towards God.
8. The proof that we are children of God comes from the instinctive cry of the heart
9. The Spirit of His son within cries out, “Abba Father.”

10. Because of the Spirit of the Lord within, we have this close intimate relationship with God.
 11. They are under the direction of the Spirit who brings them into such close communion with God that they call Him Abba.
 12. Legalism means "a relationship that is governed by rules or by law."
 13. We are not living by laws or rules but by a relationship.
- ILLUSTRATION: (**John draw cartoon of passenger in airplane hearing announcement – first part in one copy, second with second part) Those who live by the law are in a situation similar to the old story of the airplane passengers who heard their pilot announce: "Our navigator has lost our position, folks, and we have been flying rather aimlessly for over an hour. That is the bad news. But the good news is that we are making very good time."**
14. God has a direction for our lives.
 15. It is not just about making good time through life.
 16. It is about reaching the right destination.
 17. The believer lives a righteous life, not in the power of the law, but in the power of the Holy Spirit.
 18. God has sent His spirit into our hearts to guide us.
 19. To know God as our Father in this way is not merely intellectual apprehension of a doctrine, not merely warm feelings about God, but a life-transforming conscious awareness of the reality of our intimate relationship with God our Father.
- ILLUSTRATION: Philip Yancey has pointed out, "No one in the Old Testament directly addressed God as "Father," whereas Jesus did so 170 times."**
20. Because we are His children, we have the privilege of this special intimacy with God.
 21. Abba is an Aramaic intimate word for Father.
 22. The word, "Abba" expressed affection, confidence and loyalty.
 23. Abba is to express the same confident trust and willing obedience Jesus expressed of the Father.
- "Abba, Father," he said, "everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will." (Mark 14:36)**
24. With awe and respect, yet intimate trust and love, we come to God our Father.
- "So you are no longer a slave, but a son; and since you are a son, God has made you also an heir." (Galatians 4:7)**
25. Paul is talking about a positional change.
 26. You are changed from a servant to a son or daughter of God.
 27. It is a transition of lifestyle from a servant to a child.
 28. It is a whole change of your relationship.
 29. Paul reminded them that they were no longer slaves.
 30. Therefore, they were not to act like slaves.
 31. We are motivated by a new relationship.

32. We were made for more than to be slaves to religious rule or the rules of the world.
33. As children of God, they did not relate to God on the basis of keeping His law.
34. They related to God, worshipping and serving Him in the freedom and power of the Spirit of His Son.

ILLUSTRATION: John Wesley, founder of the Methodist church, in one of his journals, wrote this after looking back in spiritual maturity on his Christian career before the crisis which is commonly called his conversion, said very aptly, "I had even then the faith of a servant, though not that of a son."

35. Are you living as a servant or a child of God?
36. Are you living in a forced relationship based on what you do or a natural relationship based upon who you are in Christ Jesus?
37. The consequence of being a child of God is inheritance.
38. None of us can make ourselves children or heirs of God.
39. It all comes through God.
40. Only God can make slaves into sons and daughters, and sons and daughter into heirs.
41. Since the beginning of the letter, Paul insist that the entire process of redemption is the work of God.
42. God was the agent through whom believers were made heirs of God.
43. It is a privilege of His grace.

ILLUSTRATION: Fred Craddock, while lecturing at Yale University, told a story of going back one summer to Gatlinburg, Tennessee, to take a short vacation with his wife. One night they found a quiet little restaurant where they looked forward to a private meal - just the two of them. While they were waiting for their meal, they noticed a distinguished looking, white-haired man moving from table to table, visiting guests. Craddock whispered to his wife, "I hope he doesn't come over here." He didn't want the man to intrude on their privacy. But the man did come by his table. When he found out he was a teacher of preacher, the man sat down and told the story.

The man stuck out his hand. "I'm Ben Hooper. I was born not far from here across the mountains. My mother wasn't married when I was born so I had a hard time. I always felt that everyone was wondering just who my real father was.

When I was about 12 years old, a new preacher came to our church. I would always go in late and slip out early. But one day, the preacher said the benediction so fast I got caught and had to walk out with the crowd. I could feel every eye in church on me. Just about the time I got to the door, I felt a big hand on my shoulder. I looked up and the preacher was looking right at me. 'Who are you, son? Whose boy are you?'

I felt the old weight come on me. It was like a big black cloud. Even the preacher was putting me down. But, as he looked down at me, studying

my face, he began to smile a big smile of recognition. 'Wait a minute,' he said, 'I know who you are. I see the family resemblance. You are a son of God. Boy you've got a great inheritance. Go and claim it.'"

The old man looked across the table at Fred Craddock and said, "That was the most important single sentence ever said to me." With that he smiled, shook the hands of Craddock and his wife, and moved on to another table to greet old friends. Fred Craddock remembered and realized Ben Hooper had been governor of Tennessee ...a man with a great inheritance.

44. And so it is with you!

45. You have a great inheritance.

46. Live as heirs.

47. Every day, something of His cross will be seen in us as we die to self.

48. Every day, something of His resurrection life will be seen in us as He lives through us.

49. Live in the power of the inheritance.

50. The greatest inheritance is not the abundance of things the Father gives us, but the character of His own, which the Spirit of His Son is forming within us.

CONCLUSION:

I started the message by telling the story of Jeff Brady. Let me tell you a little more of the story. Many of the memories never returned. He discovered who he was through the hard work of others. He discovered he had been a youth pastor. He went back to Indiana Wesleyan University to learn what it means to minister all over again. God gave him a new purpose Robbers stole his past, but God is restoring his wonderful future. He listened to what his true identity was. God in grace answered the question for him, "Who am I?"

Have you forgotten who you are?

You were made to be His child?

Who am I? "I am His child." Say it with me, "I am His child."

THE PROMISE, THE PROVISION, THE POSITION

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