

Echo Summer Series: Rediscover

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“Rediscover Your Identity” | Genesis 1:26-27

Introduction

"Who are you really? And who told you that's who you are?"

Family, let me ask you a question: *Who are you really?* And maybe the better question is, *Who told you that's who you are?* See, we're living in a time where identity is under attack. The world is loud, constantly telling us who we should be, what we should look like, and how we should live. And if we're not careful, we'll start to believe the lies, trading God's blueprint for the world's counterfeit.

But here's the truth, Echo Church: You were made in the image of God—crafted with purpose, packed with potential, and called to stand out, not blend in. Somewhere along the way, we've forgotten that. We've lost sight of who we are because we've been too busy trying to look like everyone else. But today, we're going to fix that. Today, we're going to rediscover our identity in Christ.

Let's get into it!

Point 1: The Original Blueprint (Genesis 1:26-27)

Historical Context: In the beginning, God created humanity in His image and likeness. This wasn't just about physical form but about character, purpose, and dominion.

"You were designed to reflect God's nature, not the culture's trends."

What happens when we abandon the original blueprint? We lose our sense of purpose and identity.

James 1:23-25

Point 2: The Great Exchange (Romans 12:2)

"Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind."

"Conformity to the world is the enemy of transformation in Christ."

Believers often exchange their God-given identity for worldly approval, leading to spiritual amnesia. Because we are so conditioned for stuff and not people.

The Israelites wanted to be like other nations (1 Samuel 8:5-7) is a parallel to how we desire to fit in rather than stand out.

We need to renew our minds daily through prayer, scripture, and intentional living.

Point 3: You Are Set Apart (1 Peter 2:9)

"But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession."

"God didn't call you to blend in; He called you to stand out."

Explain the concept of being "set apart" as a privilege, not a punishment.

There is value in uniqueness (e.g., a rare diamond or a masterpiece painting).

Embrace your God-given identity and walk boldly in your calling.

Point 4: Rediscovering Your Purpose (Ephesians 2:10)

"For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

"Your identity is tied to your purpose, and your purpose is tied to God's plan."

Rediscovering identity leads to clarity in purpose.

Gideon (Judges 6) shows how God calls us by who He created us to be, not by how we see ourselves.

Seek God for your unique assignment and walk in obedience.

Conclusion

The Call to Rediscover

The main points:

You were created in God's image (The Original Blueprint).

Stop conforming to the world (The Great Exchange).

Embrace your uniqueness (You Are Set Apart).

Walk in your God-given purpose (Rediscovering Your Purpose).

"It's time to stop living like the world and start living like the Word. Rediscover who God says you are, and walk boldly in your identity as His child."