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~THIS WORLD IS NOT OUR HOME~
SOJOURNERS
PART 3

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"Hanks has never been better."

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Sojourner: Someone who is living as a resident in a place that is not their home.

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¹Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ,
to the elect who are sojourners of the
Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia,
Asia, and Bithynia,

1 Peter 1:1 (ASV)

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Greek word: *Parepidēmois* exile or sojourner. Someone who is a resident alien.

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Peter challenges these early Christians: Grow up spiritually!
Here's how.

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The challenge: “Grow up”

Most of us can remember a time when we were told to “grow up.”

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¹So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander.

²Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation—

1 Peter 2:1-12 (ESV)

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1 Peter 2:1-12 (ESV) 1 of 7

³If indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

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⁵you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house;

1 Peter 2:1-12 (ESV)

To be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

⁶For it stands in Scripture:

“Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

1 Peter 2:1-12 (ESV)

⁷So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,
“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone,”

⁸and “A stone of stumbling,
and a rock of offense.”

1 Peter 2:1-12 (ESV)

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1 Peter 2:1-12 (ESV) 4 of 7

They stumble because they disobey the
word, as they were destined to do.

⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal
priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his
own possession, that you may proclaim the
excellencies of him who called you out of
darkness into his marvelous light.

1 Peter 2:1-12 (ESV)

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¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

¹¹Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul.

1 Peter 2:1-12 (ESV)

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¹²Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

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Peter uses the analogy of an infant to describe our need for spiritual nourishment.

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IMMATURE CHILDREN ARE:

- Unstable in their emotions
- Dependent on mom
- Naturally selfish and self-centered
- Possessive

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PUT AWAY:

- Malice
- Deceit
- Hypocrisy
- Envy
- Slander

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Two essentials for growing beyond spiritual infancy:

1. Put away attitudes and behaviors that are not consistent with following Jesus.

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1 Peter 2:1 (ESV)

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¹Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us,

Hebrews 12:1-2 (NIV)

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Hebrews 12:1-2 (NIV) 1 of 2

²Fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Hebrews 12:1-2 (NIV)

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Two essentials for growing beyond spiritual infancy:

2. Establish the habit of the regular intake of scripture.

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1 Peter 2:2-3 (ESV)

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¹²For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

Hebrews 4:12 (NIV)

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Peter mentions two additional keys to our maturing in Christ:

1. Who you are in Christ must be foundational to your identity.

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1 Peter 2:4-9 (ESV)

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Who are you?

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1 Peter 2:9 (ESV)

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WHO ARE YOU?

- You are chosen.

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⁷The LORD did not set his affection on you and choose you because you were more numerous than other peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples.

Deuteronomy 7:7-8 (NIV)

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⁸But it was because the LORD loved you and kept the oath he swore to your ancestors that he brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the land of slavery, from the power of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

Deuteronomy 7:7-8 (NIV)

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WHO ARE YOU?

- You are chosen.
- You are a royal priesthood.

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WHO ARE YOU?

- You are chosen.
- You are a royal priesthood.
- You are a holy nation.

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²To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

1 Corinthians 1:2 (ESV)

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WHO ARE YOU?

- You are chosen.
- You are a royal priesthood.
- You are a holy nation.
- You belong to God.

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We all ask ourselves the question: Am I
enough?
Do I have what it takes?

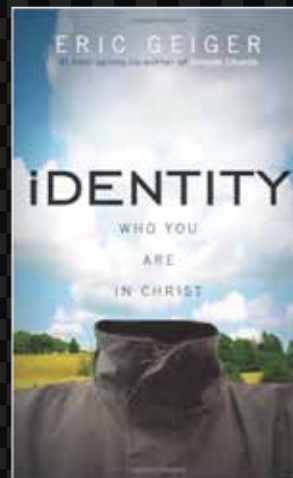
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⁵Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us, but our sufficiency is from God,
⁶who has made us sufficient to be ministers of a new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit. For the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

2 Corinthians 3:5-6 (ESV)

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Before you are a leader, you are His son or daughter. Greater than belonging to your role, you belong to Him. You are His friend, His child, His bride, His servant, and His treasured possession. When Jesus is our greatest identity the lesser identities in our lives can change without you losing who we ultimately are.

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Eric Geiger, *Identity: Who you are in Christ*

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As we follow Jesus, we still retain our identities of our family, our profession, our hobbies – but Jesus is the greater identity. Thus, we can more confidently navigate the challenges of this life as our greatest identity cannot be taken from us.

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2. Peter reminds us of God's call and purpose for each of us.

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1 Peter 2:12 (ESV)

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These words point back to Jesus' words in the sermon on the mount.

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¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden.

¹⁵Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house.

¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

Matthew 5:14-16 (ESV)

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“—————
You cannot arrive at your life’s purpose by starting with a focus on yourself. You must begin with God, your Creator. You exist only because God wills that you exist. You were made by God and for God —

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Rick Warren, *The Purpose Driven Life*

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And until you understand that, life will never make sense. It is only in God that we discover our origin, our identity, our meaning, our purpose, our significance, and our destiny. Every other path leads to a dead end.
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