

WALKING LIKE JESUS

Knowing your Identity – Tim Summersby

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1. Read: Luke 1:30-35 & Luke 2:46-52;

Jesus already knew his identity by the age of 12; from the stories Mary told him around his birth.

What stories do we tell ourselves about what God has done?

Does our answer include are that we have been chosen from eternity past to be loved unconditionally by the father? Or are they about us getting more interested in God and cleaning out lives up a bit?

Practice sharing our testimonies in just 2 minutes each

2. Read Luke 3:21-22

Do we live in the knowledge that we're children of God or is it just head knowledge?

Right now: Do you feel loved?

How can we hear more the sound that God loves us and is already pleased with us?

When we are secure in our identity we behave differently. We're not seeking acceptance or a place. We will still have the instinct to respond as a slave or an orphan but maturity is about having a short gap between that response and the response based on our identity as a child of God.

In twos or threes talk about a time when you realise you have responded like an orphan-slave and pray for each other to be able to respond out of the truth that you are loved.

Is the Holy Spirit promoting you to get healing with:

- A) difficulty with your own father that makes it hard to relate to God as Father
- B) not seeing yourself as good or qualified enough to be accepted as God's child (unlovable?)
- C) still needing to work to earn God's love