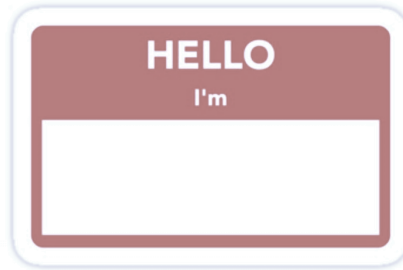


# IDENTITY IN CHRIST

A Care + Counsel Resource

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## Who are you?

Not your name. Who is the person behind the name. Who are you? When you think of yourself, what comes to mind? How you view yourself influences how you live. So, who are you?

Your identity is not your ID. Your identity is not a series of digits. Your identity is not your age, height, and weight. Not the color of your skin, hair, or eyes.

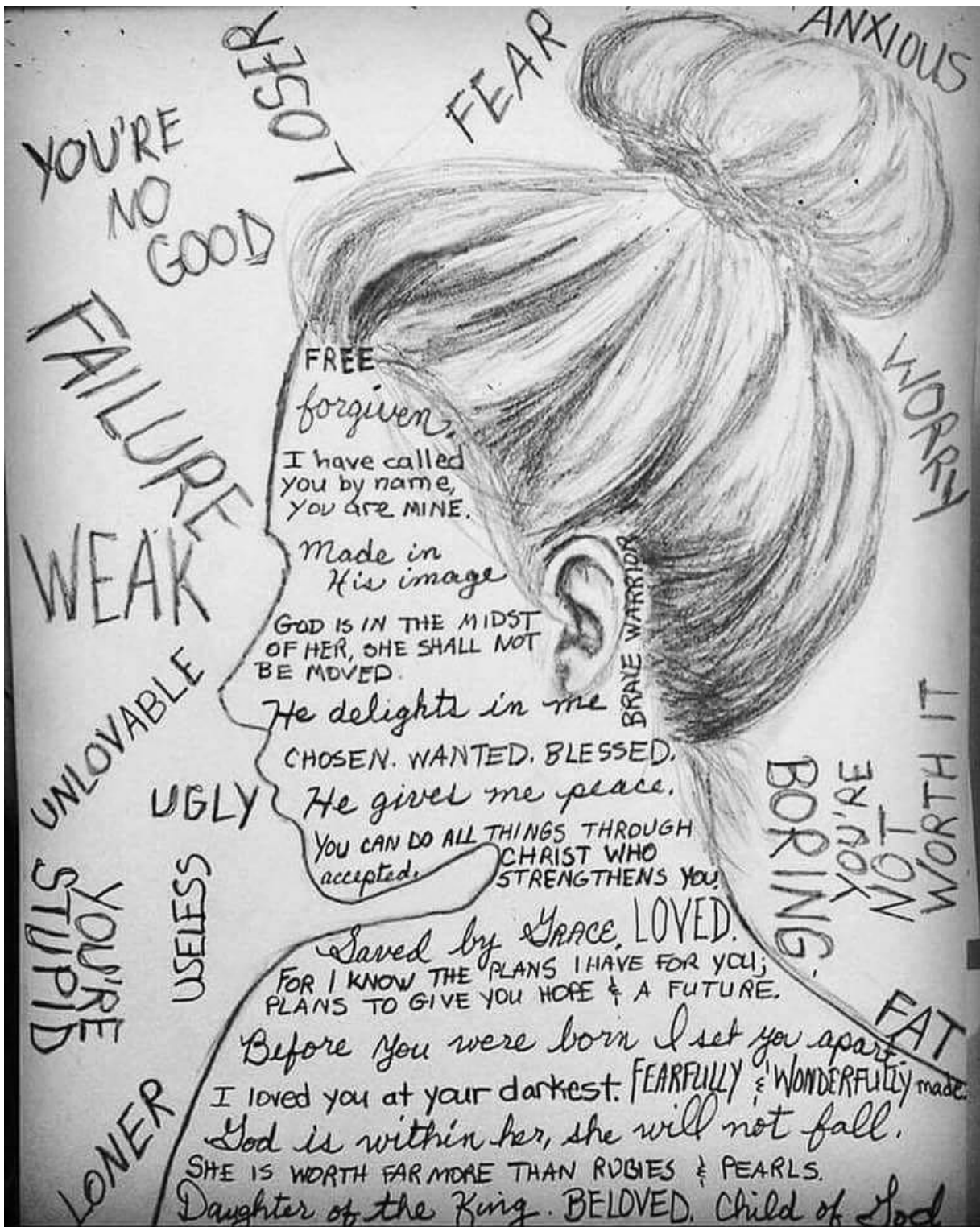
You are not what you do. You are not what was done to you. You are not your darkest moment, worst decision, or biggest regret. You are not what others say you are. You are not who you say you are.

You are who God says you are.



**We do not live *for* our identity; we live *from* our identity is Christ.**

<p><b>I AM ACCEPTED</b></p>	<p>I am God's child. - John 1:12          I am Christ's friend. - John 15:15          I am justified. - Romans 5:1          I am united with the Lord. - 1 Corinthians 6:17          I am bought with a price; I belong to God. - 1 Corinthians 6:19-20          I am a saint. - Ephesians 1:1          I have been adopted as God's child. - Ephesians 1:5          I have access to God through the Holy Spirit. - Ephesians 2:18          I have been redeemed and forgiven. - Colossians 1:14          I am complete in Christ. - Colossians 2:10</p>
<p><b>I AM SECURE</b></p>	<p>I am free forever from condemnation. - Romans 8:1-2          I am assured all works together for good. - Romans 8:28          I am free from any charge against me. - Romans 8:31-32          I cannot be separated from the love of God. - Romans 8:35-39          I am established, anointed, sealed by God. - 2 Corinthians 1:21-22          I am hidden with Christ in God. - Colossians 3:3          I am confident the good work God has begun in me will be perfected. - Philippians 3:20          I have not been given a spirit of fear, but power, love, and a sound mind. - 2 Timothy 1:7          I can find grace and mercy in the time of need. - Hebrews 4:16          I am born of God. - 1 John 5:18</p>
<p><b>I AM SIGNIFICANT</b></p>	<p>I am the salt and light of the earth. - Matthew 5:13-14          I am a branch of the true vine, a channel of His life. - John 15:1,5          I have been chosen and appointed to bear fruit. - John 15:16          I am a personal witness of Christ. - Acts 1:8          I am God's temple. - 1 Corinthians 3:16          I am a minister of reconciliation for God. - 2 Corinthians 5:17-21          I am God's co-worker. - 2 Corinthians 6:1          I am sealed with Christ in the heavenly realm. - Ephesians 2:6          I am God's workmanship. - Ephesians 2:10          I may approach God with freedom and confidence. - Ephesians 3:12          I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. - Philippians 4:13</p>



<sup>2</sup> Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. - Romans 12:2

# Father's Love Letter

My Child,

You may not know me, but I know everything about you (Psalm 139:1). I know when you sit down and when you rise up (Psalm 139:2). I am familiar with all your ways (Psalm 139:3). Even the very hairs on your head are numbered (Matthew 10:29-31). For you were made in my image (Genesis 1:27). In me you live and move and have your being (Acts 17:28). For you are my offspring (Acts 17:28). I knew you even before you were conceived (Jeremiah 1:4-5). I chose you when I planned creation (Ephesians 1:11-12). You were not a mistake, for all your days are written in my book (Psalm 139:15-16). I determined the exact time of your birth and where you would live (Acts 17:26). You are fearfully and wonderfully made. (Psalm 139:14). I knit you together in your mother's womb (Psalm 139:13). And brought you forth on the day you were born (Psalm 71:6). I have been misrepresented by those who don't know me (John 8:41-44). I am not distant and angry but am the complete expression of love (1 John 4:16). And it is my desire to lavish my love on you (1 John 3:1). Simply because you are my child, and I am your father (1 John 3:1). I offer you more than your earthly father ever could (Matthew 7:11). For I am the perfect father (Matthew 5:48). Every good gift that you receive comes from my hand (James 1:17). For I am your provider and I meet all your needs (Matthew 6:31-33). My plan for your future has always been filled with hope (Jeremiah 29:11). Because I love you with and everlasting love (Jeremiah 31:3). My thoughts toward you are countless as the sand on the seashore (Psalm 139:17-18). And I rejoice over you with singing (Zephaniah 3:17). I will never stop doing good to you (Jeremiah 32:40). For you are my treasured possession (Exodus 19:5). I desire to establish you with all my heart and all my soul (Jeremiah 32:41). And I want to show you great and marvelous things (Jeremiah 33:3). If you seek me with all your heart, you will find me (Deuteronomy 4:29). Delight in me and I will give you the desires of your heart (Psalm 37:4). For it is I who gave you those desires (Philippians 2:13). I am able to do more for you than you could possibly imagine (Ephesians 3:20). For I am your greatest encourager (2 Thessalonians 2:16-17). I am also the Father who comforts you in all your troubles (2 Corinthians 1:3-4). When you are brokenhearted, I am close to you (Psalm 34:18). As a shepherd carries a lamb, I have carried you close to my heart (Isaiah 40:11). One day I will wipe away every tear from your eyes (Revelation 21:3-4). And I'll take away all the pain you have suffered on this earth (Revelation 21:3-4). I am your Father, and I love you even as I love my son, Jesus (John 17:23). For in Jesus, my love for you is revealed (John 17:26). He is the exact representation of my being (Hebrews 1:3). He came to demonstrate that I am for you, not against you (Romans 8:31). And to tell you that I am not counting your sins (2 Corinthians 5:18-19). Jesus died so that you and I could be reconciled (2 Corinthians 5:18-19). His death was the ultimate expression of my love for you (1 John 4:10). I gave up everything I loved that I might gain your love (Romans 8:31-32). If you receive the gift of my son Jesus, you receive me (1 John 2:23). And nothing will ever separate you from my love again (Romans 8:38-39). Come home and I'll throw the biggest party heaven has ever seen (Luke 15:7). I have always been Father, and will always be Father (Ephesians 3:14-15). My question is...Will you be my child (John 1:12-13)? I am waiting for you (Luke 15:11-32).

**Love, Your Dad, Almighty God**