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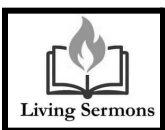
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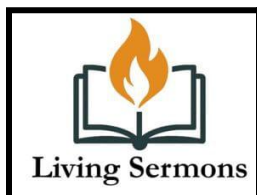
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Foreword

From the very first declaration, the central truth is set in place: identity is not something self-constructed, nor is it something culture is authorised to define. It is something received—anchored in the unchanging counsel of God and revealed in the person of Jesus Christ.

In a world increasingly shaped by shifting narratives, competing voices, and fragile self-definitions, this message calls the believer back to something firmer, higher, and eternal. It refuses to negotiate identity at the level of emotion, history, or circumstance. Instead, it re-establishes the believer in the authority of Scripture and the finished work of Christ.

This is not identity for identity's sake. It is identity for obedience, for purpose, and for impact.

As you journey through these pages, you will encounter a consistent call: to see yourself as God sees you, to refuse the labels of limitation, and to embrace the authority that comes from being filled with the Holy Spirit. You will also be reminded that every believer—regardless of platform, profession, or visibility—is entrusted with ministry.

Not as a title. But as a responsibility. It is our prayer that this book becomes more than reading material to you. May it become a mirror. A reminder. A realignment. And ultimately, a catalyst for boldness in your walk with Christ. And when all is said and read, may your response echo the heart of every believer who truly encounters truth: not fear... not confusion... but clarity.

— *Wisdom Epsi*

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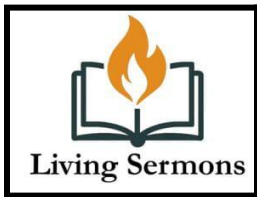
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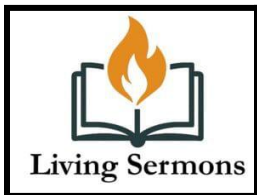


Introduction

Listen to me.

You are not defined by your past. You are not defined by your behaviour. You are not defined by your failures. You are not defined by your struggles. You are not defined by your feelings. You are not defined by your circumstances. You are not defined by the here-today, gone-tomorrow false ideologies and philosophies of our current culture. You are who God says you are. Point blank. Period.

That does not change.



You Are Who God Says You Are

Lord Jesus, we—Your sons and Your daughters—are literally sitting on the edge of our seats in anticipation of what You came to say to us tonight.

Father, we are so glad that each other is here, but we did not really come to see each other—we came to see You. So speak, Father. We are listening.

In Jesus' name, amen.

I will tell you that I was a little bit of a mischievous teenager. Out of the four of us, I gave my parents a run for their money. I was the one always coming up with something to do.

One of the things I decided to do in my freshman year of high school was to change my name. I came up with a nickname and decided I would adopt it.

Now, to give you context: my siblings and I all attended a small private school around the corner from my parents' house—where they still live today. From kindergarten

through eighth grade, we were in that environment. The largest my class ever was—at its peak—was about twenty students. By eighth grade, there were only about thirteen of us.

Then came ninth grade.

I transferred to Duncanville High School—one of the largest school districts in Texas. It was more like a college campus than a high school. I went from thirteen students... to 753 students in just my freshman class alone.

So I thought, *this is my opportunity*.

Most of these people don't know me. I don't know them. I can change my identity entirely. I can give myself a brand-new name.

I had heard of another student whose initials were DK, and people called her that. I thought it was clever—so I adopted it.

My new name... was DK.

The Power of a Name

I told my friend Nicole—my one connection in that new school—“When you introduce me, don't call me Priscilla. Call me DK.”

She looked at me like I had lost my mind. But I was serious. That first day of school, I walked into that massive campus, and she introduced me—one person after another—as DK. I introduced myself to teachers, students, everyone... as DK.

And it stuck.

For all four years of high school, not one student, teacher, administrator, or coach called me anything else. It was on my athletic uniforms. It was on my Letterman jacket. It was who I was—at least in that environment.

Even today, if someone calls out “DK,” I know immediately—it's someone from that season of my life.

Who Has the Right to Name You?

My parents didn't say much about it—until one day. I got sick at school, and they had to call my mum to pick me up. I was lying on a cot behind the curtain in the nurse's office when I heard my mum say:

“I'm here for Priscilla.”

And the nurse said, “Who?”

They went back and forth until they realised she meant... DK.

My mum didn't say anything that day.

Or the next.

Or the next.

She waited until I was fully recovered. Then she gave me *the look*—you know, the mama look. And she said:

“Priscilla, I want to be clear about something. Your father and I haven't minded this nickname. It's been a little high school experiment—no big deal.”

“But graduation is coming. Someone is going to stand with a microphone and call your name—and it will be amplified in that room. And when they hand you your diploma, there better not be a ‘D’ or a ‘K’ anywhere on it.”

Then she said something I have never forgotten:

“It doesn't matter what everybody else calls you.

It doesn't even matter what you call yourself.

Only the one who gave you life has the authority to identify you.”

Your True Identity

I came here tonight to speak a word of identity over you. It does not matter what other people have called you. It does not matter what you have called yourself. There is only One who has the right and the authority to tell you who you are. Other people are not qualified to name you. Circumstances may have made things difficult—but they are not powerful enough to define you. Your history may have marked you—but it is not authorised to label you.

What your parents said—or didn't say—may have hurt you. And yes, it may take time and healing to recover from that.

But hear me:

It does not have the power to shape the totality of who God has called you to be.

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Created in His Image

Did you know your Father has already given you a name?

You are a chosen generation.

A royal priesthood (1 Peter 2:9).

Redeemed.

Chosen.

Adopted.

Qualified.

You are not a mistake.

You are not an afterthought.

You are not a liability.

You have been created in the very image of God (Genesis 1:27).

That means your physical form—your skin, your features, your body—is an expression of His creative genius. Any system or voice that tries to diminish that is, at its core, anti-God.

And not just physically—your personality too.

Your temperament.

Your wiring.

Your uniqueness.

You are not introverted by mistake. You are not extroverted by mistake. Even your weaknesses are not liabilities—they are platforms for the strength of God to be revealed (2 Corinthians 12:9).

The Indwelling Power of God

When you surrender your life to Jesus Christ—your body, your personality, your whole being—and place your faith in Him, something supernatural happens:

The Holy Spirit takes residence within you.

You become a temple of the Holy Ghost (1 Corinthians 6:19).

God Himself dwells in you.

And because of that—you are an overcomer (1 John 4:4).

Why Identity Matters

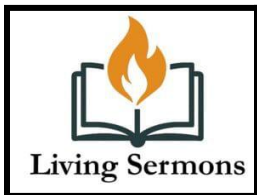
This issue of identity is critical. Because the enemy wants to distort your understanding of who you are.

Why?

Because you will either live **up to** or **down to** what you believe to be true about yourself.

From Genesis to Revelation, identity is a central thread in Scripture. When God called Abram, the first thing He did was change his name to Abraham (Genesis 17:5). And when He changed his name, He changed his destiny.

That is what happens when God redefines you.



Seeing Your Life Through God's Perspective

Lord Jesus, thank You for Your Word. It is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword (Hebrews 4:12).

Speak to us, Lord.

In Jesus' name, amen.

I have the privilege of raising three sons—Jackson, Jerry Jr., and Jude. Earlier this year, we went to see a film together in 3D. About fifteen minutes into the movie, my youngest son tapped me and said:

“Mom, I don’t like this movie. It’s blurry.”

I looked at him and said, “Buddy... did you put on the glasses?”

He hadn’t. He put them on—and suddenly everything changed.

“I can see! This is awesome!”

That's what moments like this are about.

It's about putting on the right lens—spiritual eyewear—so you can see your life the way God sees it.

Children with Power

In the film *Incredibles 2*, there's a moment where the parents are watching their children step into dangerous, unfamiliar situations. The mother says, "They're just children."

And the father responds: "They're children... but they're children with power."

That's you.

You're not just a child of God. You are a child of God **with power**. The Holy Spirit has given you power—for whatever assignment, challenge, or calling God has placed before you. But whether you choose to use that power... is up to you.

Called, Equipped, and Sent

In Luke 9:1–2, the Bible says: Jesus called the twelve together, He gave them power and authority over demons and diseases, and then He sent them out to proclaim the Kingdom of God.

Called.

Given.

Sent.

That is the pattern. And it is still the pattern for your life. He sent them out two by two into neighbouring towns and surrounding communities. Their assignment was clear: everywhere they went, every person they encountered should walk away with a clearer picture of who Jesus really is.

They were sent in power and authority—to preach, to teach, and to perform miracles, all for one purpose: to confirm that Jesus is who He said He is, and that He can do exactly what He said He can do.

That is the point of their mission.

Every encounter.

Every interaction.

Every moment.

It was meant to leave people thinking:

“Jesus must be real. Jesus must be Lord. Jesus must be the real deal.”

And I ask you today—what is the point of us coming together if, when we leave this place, every person we encounter does not know there is a God somewhere, and His name is Jesus Christ?

Carrying the Assignment with Integrity

So they go out in pairs, and they handle their assignment with integrity. They are fully engaged in the task before them. Mark chapter 6 tells us they carried out their assignment faithfully. And after they were done, they returned to Jesus and gave an account of everything they had done.

They reported on the ministry entrusted to them. And I want to make sure everyone understands this: You are in ministry.

If you have named the name of Jesus Christ—you are in ministry. Do not let anyone convince you that ministry is only what happens behind a pulpit or a microphone. Ministry is the space where you have been assigned to represent the King.

Everyday Ministry

A mother raising small children—you are in ministry.

The meals you prepare.

The prayers you pray over your children.

The Scripture you speak over them at night.

That is ministry.

A high school student walking the corridors of a school, standing for righteousness in the midst of darkness—you are in ministry. A university student in a lecture hall where truth is being challenged, and yet you are the one who raises your hand and stands for the Word of God—you are in ministry.

A professional in a boardroom where compromise is normal, but you stand for truth—you are in ministry. Every believer carries an assignment.

And just like the disciples, a day is coming when we will give an account.

Sooner than we think.

We will stand before Jesus and answer for how we lived, how we used our time, how we used our gifts, and how we handled what He entrusted to us. He will not ask about someone else's assignment. He will ask about yours. He will not be concerned with social media influence or public approval.

The question will be simple:

“Did you know My Son Jesus Christ?”

“And what did you do with what I gave you?”

And when I stand before Him, I want to hear one thing:

“Well done.”

Living for Approval from Heaven

I am asking you—who are you living to please?

Because it cannot be people. Our goal cannot be applause from others. Our pursuit must be approval from Heaven. The day is coming when all of us will stand before Him. And that is what shapes how we live now.

Your Power Comes From the Holy Spirit

I was a little nostalgic last night listening to Bishop Louis bring the Word. It reminded me of over twenty years ago when I was in Atlanta at a conference with the Impact Movement under Campus Crusade for Christ. I was sitting in a room not much bigger than this section here, listening to leaders speak over young people like me.

They would say things like: “You are an arrow in the hand of God.”

“You are going to make an impact beyond what you can imagine.”

And I came to tell you the same thing: You cannot even imagine what God has in store for your life.

Too Small to Contain the Vision

Whatever picture you currently have of your future—it is too small. Too limited. Too restricted.

Because what God is planning is beyond what you can see right now. We are here among thousands, but in the scope of billions of people on the earth, it is only by His grace that we are here, hearing this Word. And if He has chosen you to hear it—it means He has chosen you for purpose.

You are not random. You are not accidental. You are an arrow.

Arrows in His Hand

An arrow does not determine its direction. It is placed in the hand of the archer. And when God releases you, He sends you exactly where you are meant to go.

A Prayer of Surrender

Lord Jesus, thank You. Thank You that You speak, and we have the privilege to hear. We surrender ourselves to You. Wherever You send us, we will go. Whatever You assign, we will do. We are Yours. Speak, Lord.

In Jesus' name, amen.

The Enemy Knows Who You Are

I was watching my son at a baseball tournament. He had just passed a team that had previously defeated them badly earlier in the season. And I watched his confidence drop instantly. Shoulders down. Head lowered. Fear creeping in. But then something changed. He overheard one of the opposing players say:

“That’s the big kid from the Red Sox...” And immediately, his posture changed.

His head came up. His confidence returned. His stride changed.

Why?

Because perception shifted.

It is amazing how your confidence changes when you understand what the enemy thinks about you. The battle does not disappear. But your stance changes. Because the enemy knows something you must also know: You are not ordinary.

You are a son. You are a daughter of God. And the enemy trembles—not because of you alone—but because of the Holy Spirit within you.

What Heaven Declares Over You

Even if you are not fully convinced, the enemy is.

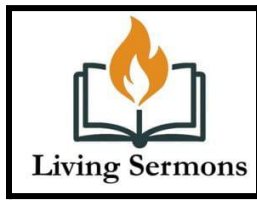
He knows:

You are forgiven. There is no condemnation in Christ Jesus (Romans 8:1). You are victorious. You are empowered by the Holy Spirit. You have not been given a spirit of fear, but of power, love, and a sound mind (2 Timothy 1:7). And in the end—you win.

Don't Leave the Same

What a tragedy it would be to receive all this Word, all this truth, all this revelation—and still leave unchanged. The enemy's strategy is not destruction anymore. It is distraction. It is discouragement. It is intimidation. So that you shrink back from who God has called you to be. But I came to declare: Step forward.

Do not shrink back. You are God's vessel. You are God's assignment. And you are God's arrow.

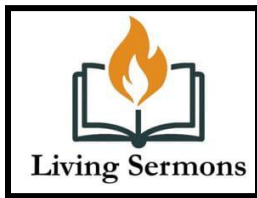


About the Speaker

Priscilla Shirer is a renowned Bible teacher, author, and conference speaker with a global influence in Christian ministry. She is widely recognised for her clear, Spirit-led teaching of Scripture and her ability to communicate deep biblical truths in a way that is both practical and transformational. Through her ministry, she has helped countless believers develop a stronger relationship with God and a deeper understanding of His Word.

As the daughter of Tony Evans, Priscilla Shirer was raised in a Christ-centred environment that shaped her passion for teaching the Scriptures. She serves through Going Beyond Ministries, where she equips believers—particularly women—to study the Word of God with depth and confidence. Her teachings often focus on spiritual growth, identity in Christ, and living a victorious Christian life through faith and obedience.

In addition to her teaching ministry, she is a bestselling author and has been featured in faith-based films such as War Room, where her role further amplified her message on the power of prayer. Across conferences, books, and digital platforms, Priscilla Shirer continues to be a strong voice calling believers to intimacy with God, steadfast faith, and unwavering commitment to truth.



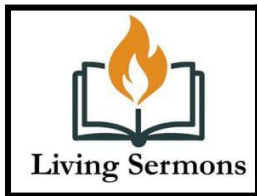
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