



Transformed from the Inside Out  
Part 2

The Most Fascinating  
Problem in the World

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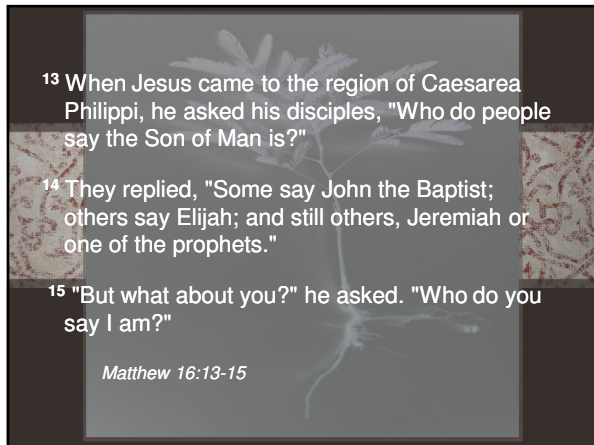
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<sup>13</sup> When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?"

<sup>14</sup> They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

<sup>15</sup> "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"

*Matthew 16:13-15*

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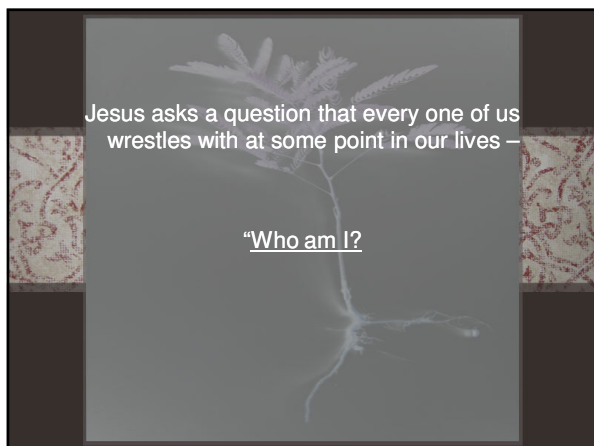
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Jesus asks a question that every one of us wrestles with at some point in our lives –

"Who am I?"

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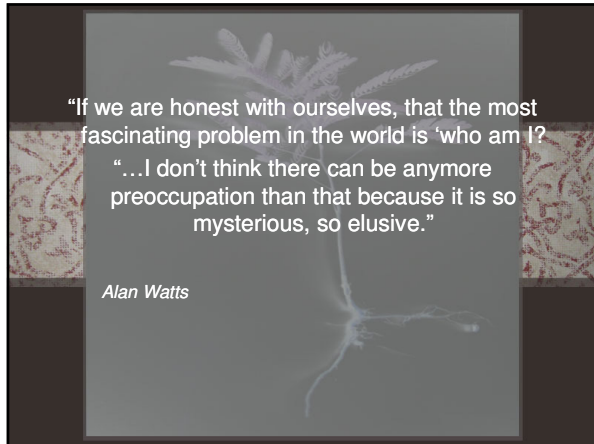
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"If we are honest with ourselves, that the most fascinating problem in the world is 'who am I?'  
"...I don't think there can be anymore preoccupation than that because it is so mysterious, so elusive."  
*Alan Watts*

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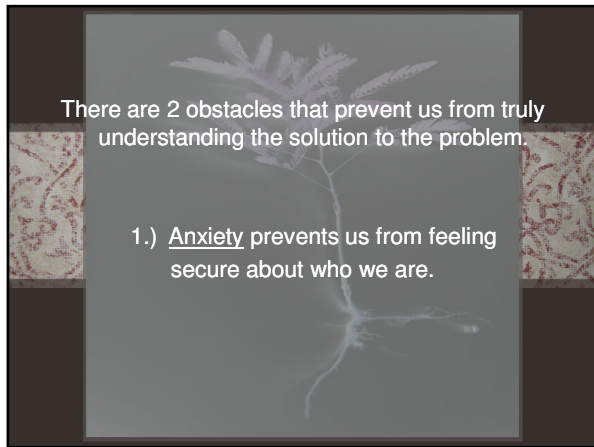
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1.) Anxiety prevents us from feeling secure about who we are.

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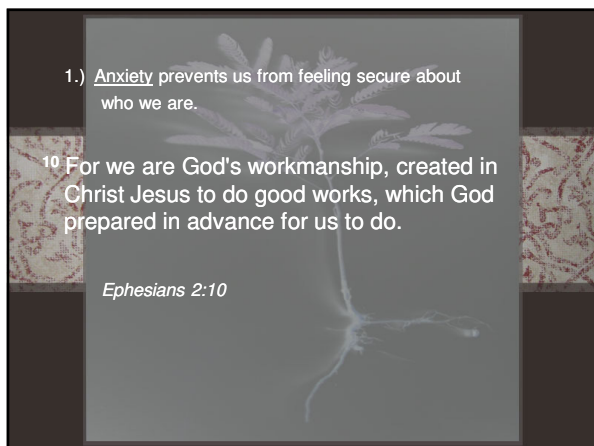
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1.) Anxiety prevents us from feeling secure about who we are.  
  
<sup>10</sup> For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.  
  
*Ephesians 2:10*

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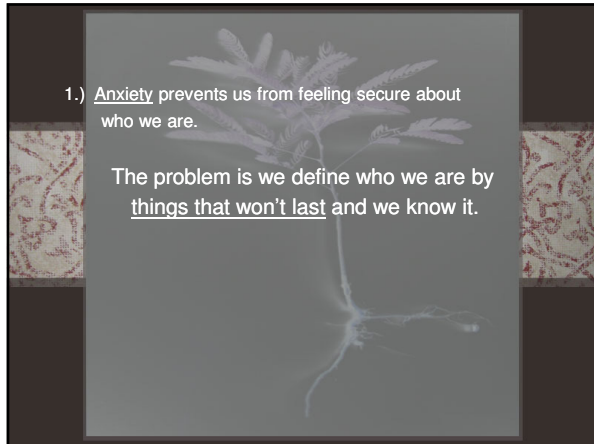
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1.) Anxiety prevents us from feeling secure about who we are.

The problem is we define who we are by things that won't last and we know it.

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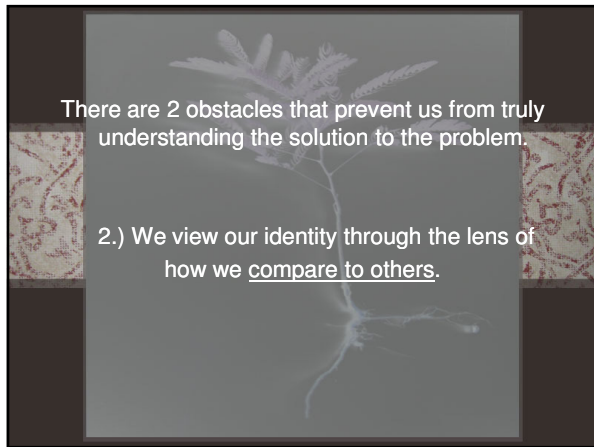
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2.) We view our identity through the lens of how we compare to others.

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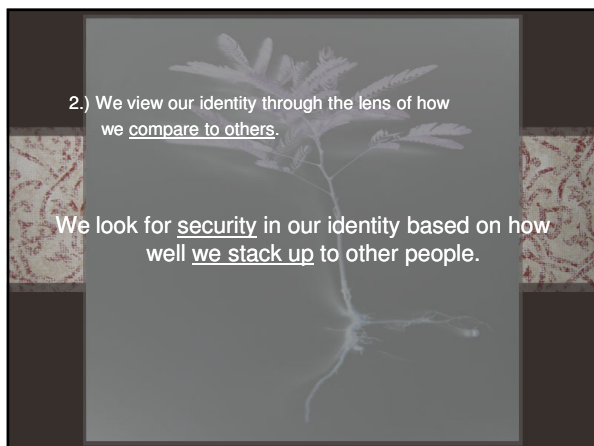
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2.) We view our identity through the lens of how we compare to others.

We look for security in our identity based on how well we stack up to other people.

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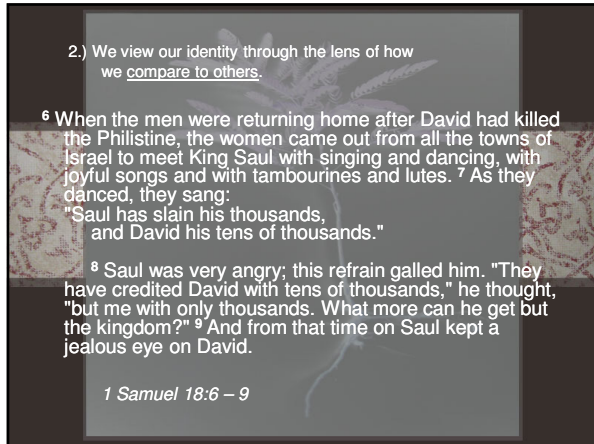
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2.) We view our identity through the lens of how we compare to others.

<sup>6</sup> When the men were returning home after David had killed the Philistine, the women came out from all the towns of Israel to meet King Saul with singing and dancing, with joyful songs and with tambourines and lutes. <sup>7</sup> As they danced, they sang:  
"Saul has slain his thousands,  
and David his tens of thousands."

<sup>8</sup> Saul was very angry; this refrain galled him. "They have credited David with tens of thousands," he thought, "but me with only thousands. What more can he get but the kingdom?" <sup>9</sup> And from that time on Saul kept a jealous eye on David.

*1 Samuel 18:6 – 9*

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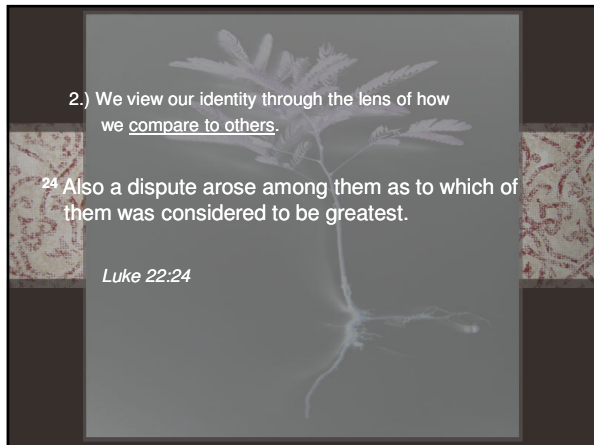
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2.) We view our identity through the lens of how we compare to others.

<sup>24</sup> Also a dispute arose among them as to which of them was considered to be greatest.

*Luke 22:24*

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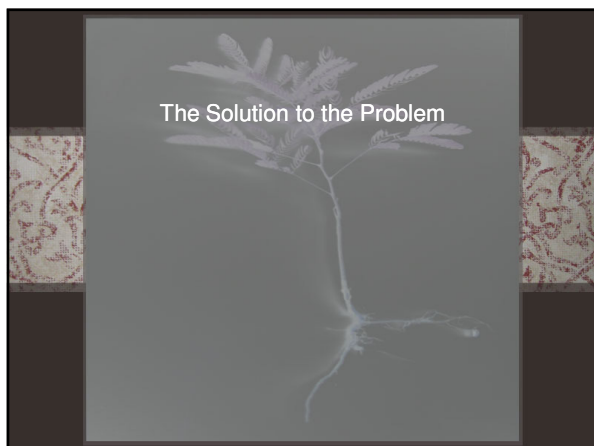
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The Solution to the Problem

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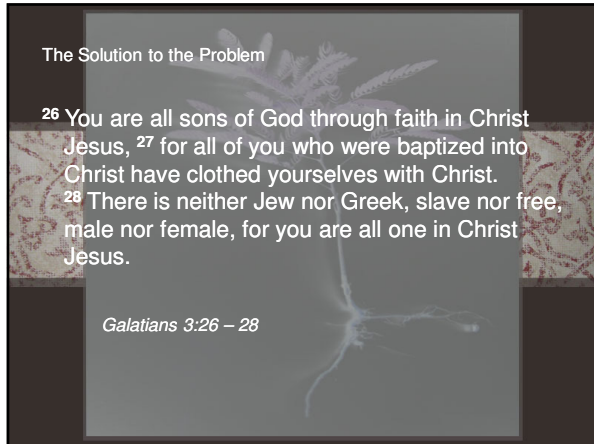
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The Solution to the Problem

<sup>26</sup> You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus, <sup>27</sup> for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. <sup>28</sup> There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

*Galatians 3:26 – 28*



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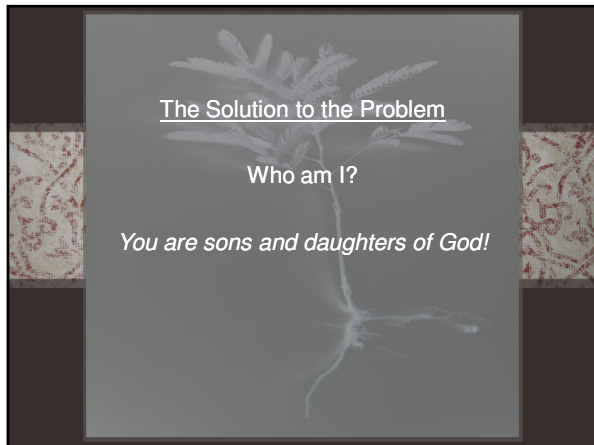
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The Solution to the Problem

Who am I?

*You are sons and daughters of God!*



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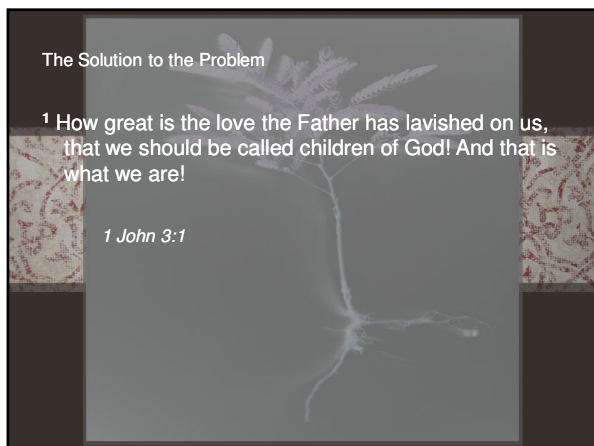
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The Solution to the Problem

<sup>1</sup> How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!

*1 John 3:1*



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The Solution to the Problem

<sup>3</sup> At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another. <sup>4</sup> But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, <sup>5</sup> he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, <sup>6</sup> whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, <sup>7</sup> so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

*Titus 3:3 – 7*

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The Solution to the Problem

The solution is a renewing of who we are that begins deep within us, that only the Holy Spirit can accomplish.

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