



Identity Lost

In recent months, through very painful circumstances it became apparent that I had lost my true identity. How did this identity crisis occur? It actually started years ago by a label someone had given me; one word to describe who they thought I was and he was just the first. Thus began my journey to distance myself from that label. No matter what I was determined people would see me differently. I was seventeen years old.

In the years that followed there were two things happening simultaneously: The Holy Spirit was working in me to help me understand my true identity while I worked hard on distancing myself from who I was not. Circumstances, situations and relationships of all degrees seemed to establish me instead of my spirit. Oh there were times when I allowed my spirit to

be led by His spirit which caused my true identity to surface and if I may say was quite powerful. However the decay of pain, hopelessness and despair began to erode at me until one day I woke up and saw that my identity had become a wounded soul.

How does a daughter of the King, a child of the Most High God become a wounded soul? It first started with believing a lie. Somewhere deep inside me as a seventeen-year-old girl I believed what that young man spoke over me. Words have so much power especially the belief in those words for good or evil. Why would I have to work so hard to distance myself from that one-word definition if I had not partnered with it. So I became the lie he and others thought me to be. So comes the truth, for when we know the truth, the truth will make us free.

So how does one lose one's identity? First it comes from believing a lie about yourself and if you believe that lie long enough you take on a alias, a false identity. There's a great line from the movie, *The Karate Kid II*: "A lie become truth only if person want to believe it." You will live what you believe, not what you know.

Once you believe that lie you begin partnering with it and coming into an agreement with it. This will become evident by the words you speak out of your mouth. Proverbs says 'You are snared by the words of your mouth, deliver yourself.' What? Deliver myself? How? You do that by asking God to forgive you for believing that lie. You may also have to forgive those that have spoken those lies to you or about you. The next thing is to repent for believing those words, renounce the agreements and partnerships you made with those words, and break their hold over your life.

All of us have our true identity in Christ but so often we allow our circumstances or other people to tell us who we are! Can I tell you, the devil is a liar! Don't you believe that! Seek the Lord with your whole heart, dig in His Word for who He says you are and if you have to ask for forgiveness or give it, repent, renounce and break those lies in your life then do it! Once you do that speak the blessing of God over your life. Ask Him to show you who you are by the spirit so that your body and soul can be put in its proper place, underneath your spirit. Submit then your spirit to the Holy Spirit and watch him work in you girlfriend! Recover your identity today!