Luke 4:18 Ministries

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1. TRUE IDENTITY

- Your group identity as a member of the body of Christ
- Your general identity-in-Christ that applies to all individual believers
- Your specific identity given to you by Father God through a name He speaks to you about your unique identity/destiny.

→ Out of your identity (BEING) flows your *kaleo*/ministry/profession (DOING)

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2. IDENTITY IN A NEW NAME

Father God loves speaking into us (1) group identity through the People of God, (2) general identity through the Word of God, and (3) specific identity through the Spirit of God.

Key Scriptures:

- **Isa. 62:2** "And you will be called by a new name which the mouth of the Lord will designate"
- **Isa. 65:15** "But He will call His servants by another name"
- **John 10:3** "He calls his own sheep by name"
- **Rev. 2:17** "I will give him a white stone with a new name…"

→ Just as a good father speaks destiny into their child by blessing/naming the child with intention, Father God names us with our unique destiny in mind. He calls you that by which He is growing you into because He knows your end from your beginning.

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3. FATHER GOD SPEAKS SPECIFIC IDENTITY DIRECTLY INTO PEOPLE THROUGHOUT THE BIBLE

When Father God speaks specific identity into individuals through a new name, there is a destiny/anointing attached

Examples:

- Abram/Abraham “Father of Many Nations”
- Sarai/Sarah “Mother of Nations”
- Jacob/Israel “He who strives with God”
- Joshua “No man will stand before you”
- Gideon “Mighty Man of Valor”
- Jesus “My son in whom I am well pleased”
- Peter “Rock”

4. SELF-CONSTRUCTED IDENTITY IS FALSE

- Our self-constructed identity is the collection of messages that we tell ourselves is true about us.
- Good Messages: smart, funny, diligent, doctor, mother, prayer warrior, tither, intercessor, etc.
- Bad Messages: fat, selfish, procrastinator, bad father, lazy, forgetful, stupid, etc.
- Ugly Messages: broken, worthless, unloveable, etc.

→ We only want what Father God says is true of us to be the foundation of our identity!

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5. SEPARATING US FROM FALSE NAMES/LABELS/IDENTITIES

- Ask Father God to bring to your mind all the false names/labels/identities that are part of your self-constructed identity and write them on paper.
- Ask Father God to separate you from everything false on that list.
- Ask Father God if you're called to take a prophetic act with that piece of paper.
- Take the prophetic act.

→ Purpose: Get false names/ labels/identities out of you and prayerfully separated from you. Come into agreement with that separation from everything false through a specific act of faith.

6. WHEN FATHER GOD NAMES US

- **Everyone loves the identity/name Father God speaks into them.**
- Father God usually speaks 1–6 words & sometimes gives them an image and/or scripture verse with the name.
- The name is true of you regardless of anything external (health, finances, age, marital status, etc.) because it is internally true.
- The specific identity given to you is a reflection of part of Father God's identity. Collectively, the body of Christ points toward the totality of who He is.
- Father God will only speak specific identity into that person directly (Ex: He will not give a parent their child's true identity, but you can do this exercise with your child so they experience Father God speaking directly to them.

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7. SPECIFIC IDENTITY EXAMPLES

- The Kingdom's Heart. Speaker of Peace. Activator of Big Vision. Firestarter. Door-Opener. Skeleton Key. Lover of Light. Creator of Beauty. Holy Spirit Sprinter. Stealth Warrior. Resourceful Warrior. Sower of Good Seed. Practitioner of the Good Life. Untier of Knots. Mother of Many. Champion of People. Giver of Life. Creator of New Ideas. Rescuer of the Weak. Builder of Roads. Kingdom Connector. Leader Life Giver. Builder of the Kingdom. Empathetic Connector. Speaker of His Word. Freedom Facilitator. Good Neighbor. Mountain Mover. Protector of the True Foundation. Gentle, Compassionate Shepherd of the Downtrodden. Leader of the Remnant Army. Courageous Pioneer. Truth-Teller to the Nations. Compassionate Lover of People. Man of Mighty Words. Warrior Princess. Songbird Who Gives Others A Song. Cave Diver. My Mouthpiece of the Good News. My Companion & My Likeness. Courageous Walker on Deep Waters. Master Craftsman Deliverer. Bridal Warrior on My Holy Mountain. Chainbreaker. Launcher. Enlarger. Agent of Creative Destruction. Gold-digger. Nurturer. Militant Peacemaker. Truth-Speaker. Comforter. Affirmer. Performer. Bringer of Peace. Restorer of Life. Vessel of Creativity.

→ The name will appeal to your nature and sense of humor. It may not make sense to anyone else.

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8. ”WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?”

- Ask yourself if you are ready to hear your true identity from the Father.
- Prayerfully bind up all agents of the enemy that would seek to interfere with the process. Ask Father God to unplug your spiritual ears.
- Pray, **“Father God, who do You say that I am?”**
- Typical Responses:

- Hear an affirmation. Receive it! Declare it.
- Hear how Father God refers to you when He speaks to you: “My son”, “Beloved”, ”Daughter.” Notice what is significant about Father referring to you that way. Then ask the question again.
- Receive an image that may or may not make sense. Ask for clarification how this image is connected to your prayer for identity.
- Hear a single word. Pray for more. “Father, You say I am a Builder. What kind of Builder?”
- Hear a phrase. If it doesn’t make sense, ask for more clarification. Father will clarify it to you.
- Check with your spirit and how the name resonates with you. True identity spoken by the Father often brings up strong emotion.

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8. Follow Up

- Ask for a scripture verse or biblical story tied to your new name/identity.
- Look for where the enemy has attempted to get you to act against your true identity in your past.
- Beware that the enemy may seek to get you to fear your true identity now that you've received it.
- Know that you have an anointing to act in ways that are consistent with your true identity. Now act with greater intention.
- Look for where Father God places you in situations where you are called to act like yourself!
- Look for where your DOING flows from your BEING.
- Be encouraged that—if you do not see how Father God has already made you that by which He calls you—He is making you into that person. It's your destiny because Father spoke it into you as a blessing.
- See Jamie Winship's "Living Fearless Journal" for a longer form of this exercise. Father God will speak even more to you in a longer process.

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CLOSING PRAYER ON IDENTITY

Father God,
With renewed freshness, I accept your invitation for a deep relationship with me. Thank you that when You look upon me, You only see me as righteous, worthy, holy, and pure because that is who I am in Christ.

Thank you that You created me to be exactly who You want me to be and that I am your child and beautiful in Your sight. I choose to see myself as You see me, to believe in myself as You believe in me, and to love myself as You love me. This day I bind my will to Your will, obligating it to Your plan and purposes for me. I bind my mind to the mind of Jesus, so I can hear your thoughts in my thoughts. I bind my emotions to the healing balance and comfort of the Holy Spirit. Thank you that the resurrection power of your presence and love is alive in me.

In Jesus' mighty name, Amen.

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