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BELIEVING YOU ARE WHO GOD
SAYS YOU ARE

How To Believe You Are Who God Says You Are

Step 4 – Pour Into A Close Friendship

We talk a lot about Christian accountability and how important it is, but how many of us actually have friendships close enough where accountability can actually happen? We may have lots of Christian community! Christian friends online, at church, in our small groups, and in our families. And, as much as we love all of them, most of them aren't close enough to be able to see when we're having an "identity crisis" and need to be pointed back to God.

Close friendships take vulnerability to share honestly (when you're doing well and when you're choosing poorly), connecting regularly (which takes effort and intentionality), and commitment to stick with each other through different seasons of life.

But, most often, it's only in genuinely close friendships that someone will notice that something is off in us and be able to help us catch those lies and remind us of our identity in Christ.

The biggest takeaway that I hope you've noticed this month is that your core identity doesn't rely on you *it relies on Christ*.

Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up. – Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

PRAYER

Lord, I thank you for the friends and family you have brought into my life. Give me an ear to hear when they are trying to help me to be who you say I am and to keep me away from the lies of the enemy. I pray that you would give those connected to me the boldness they need to tell me the truth and give me the humility to receive the truth. In Jesus name, Amen.