

Abouna M intro:

Einstein looking for ticket frantically.

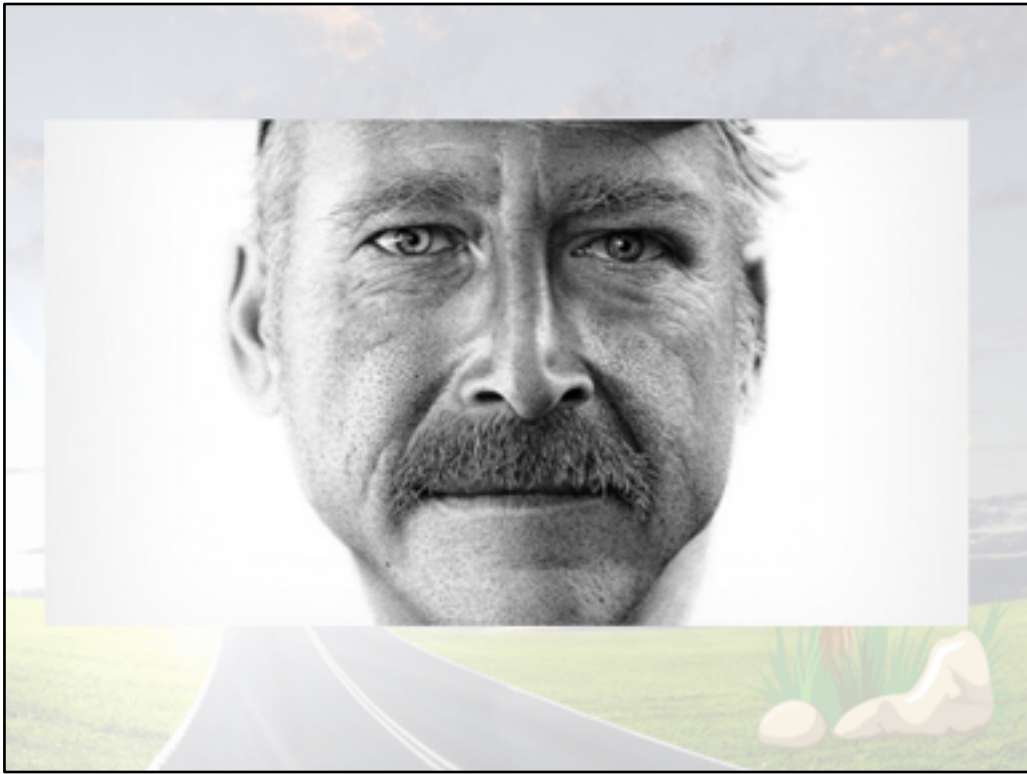
Young conductor - I know who you are you don't need your ticket.

Keeps looking later on.

Young conductor - We know who you are. I know you bought a ticket. Don't worry.

Einstein – Young man I know who I am but I don't know where I am going.

We do not know who we are or where we are going even!



The story of Benjamin Kyle (BK) – beaten up – dissociative amnesia. No idea of his past life or his identity. News, Dr. Phil (no luck).
Lived poor, lonely, sad – not by choice but because he doesn't know who he is.

Definition

identity

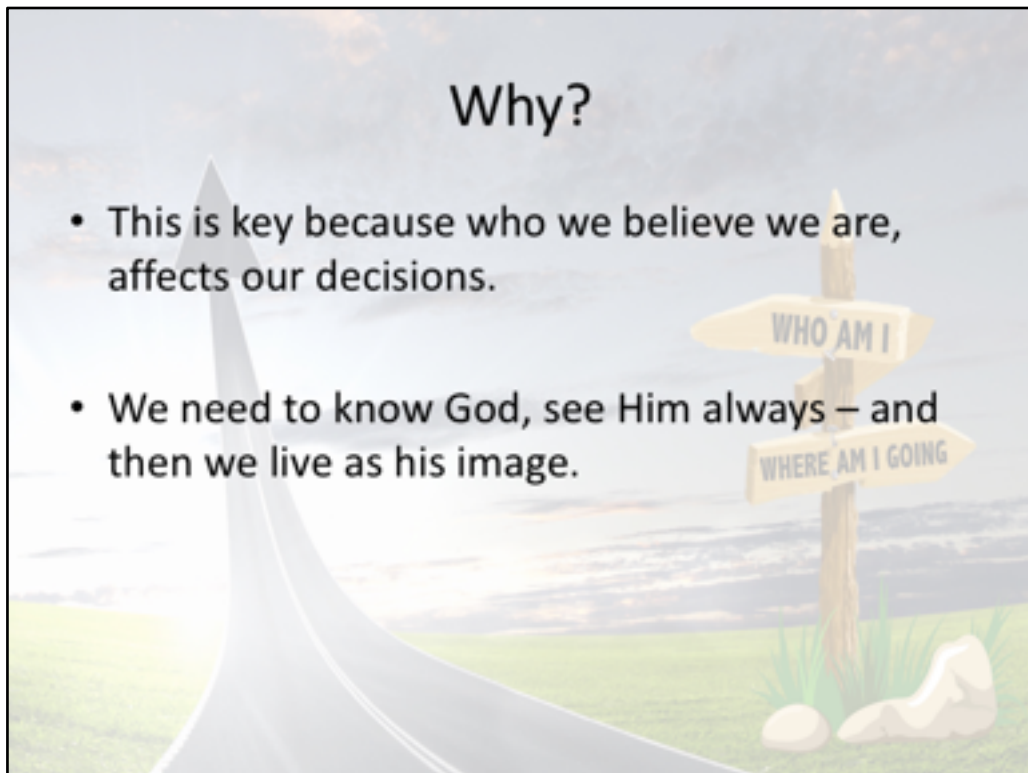
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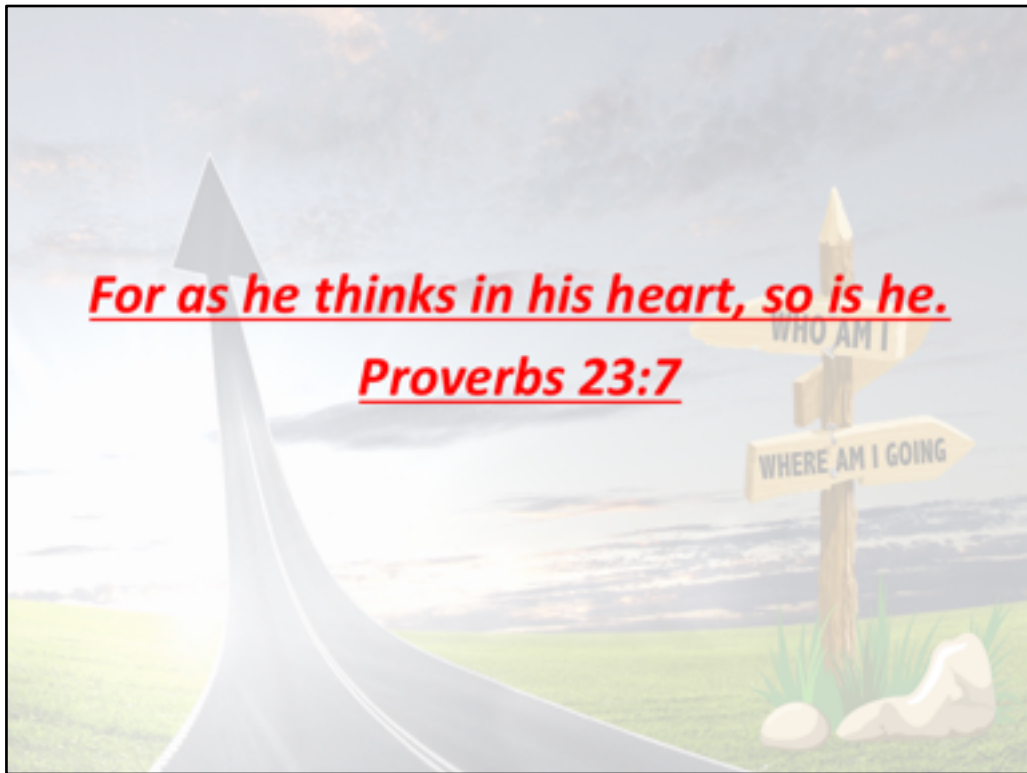
- the fact of being who or what a person or thing is.
 - the characteristics determining who or what a person or thing is.

synonyms:

individuality, self, selfhood, ego, personality, character, originality, distinctiveness, singularity, peculiarity, uniqueness, differentness.



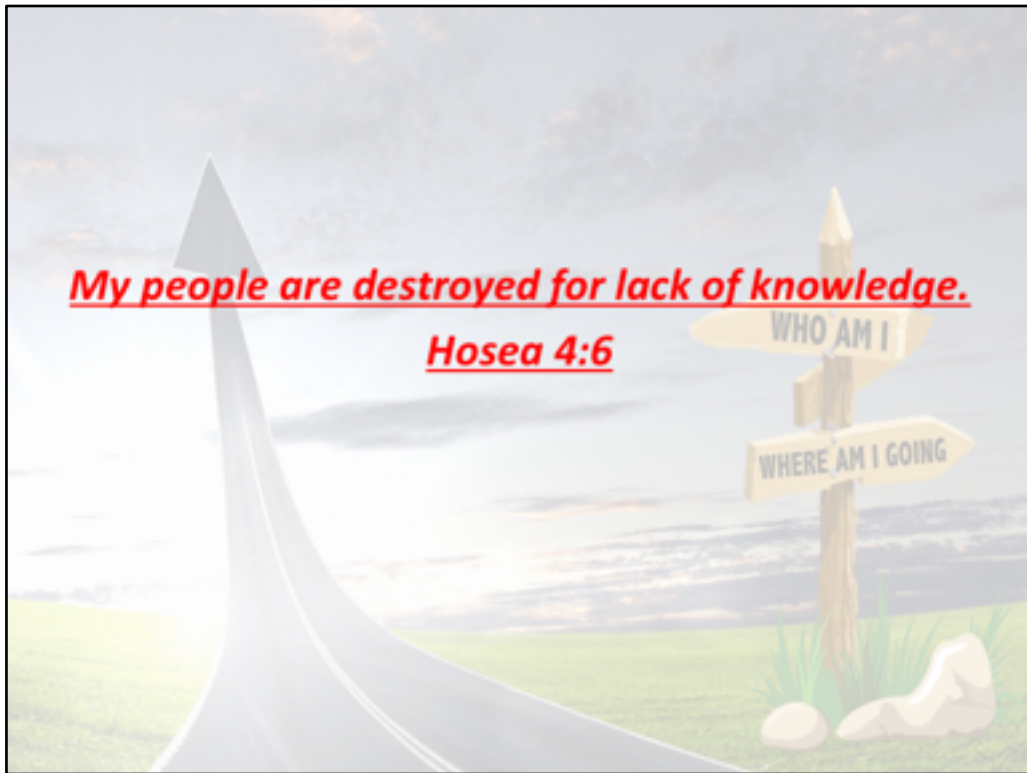
We can be worse than BK we do not not know but we believe a wrong identity (Society, our bosses our partners tell us who we are). We combine these with random verses – messy. The other two talks will have more about this. Who we think we are affects our actions more than who we actually are. These could be the same or different.



This is important because

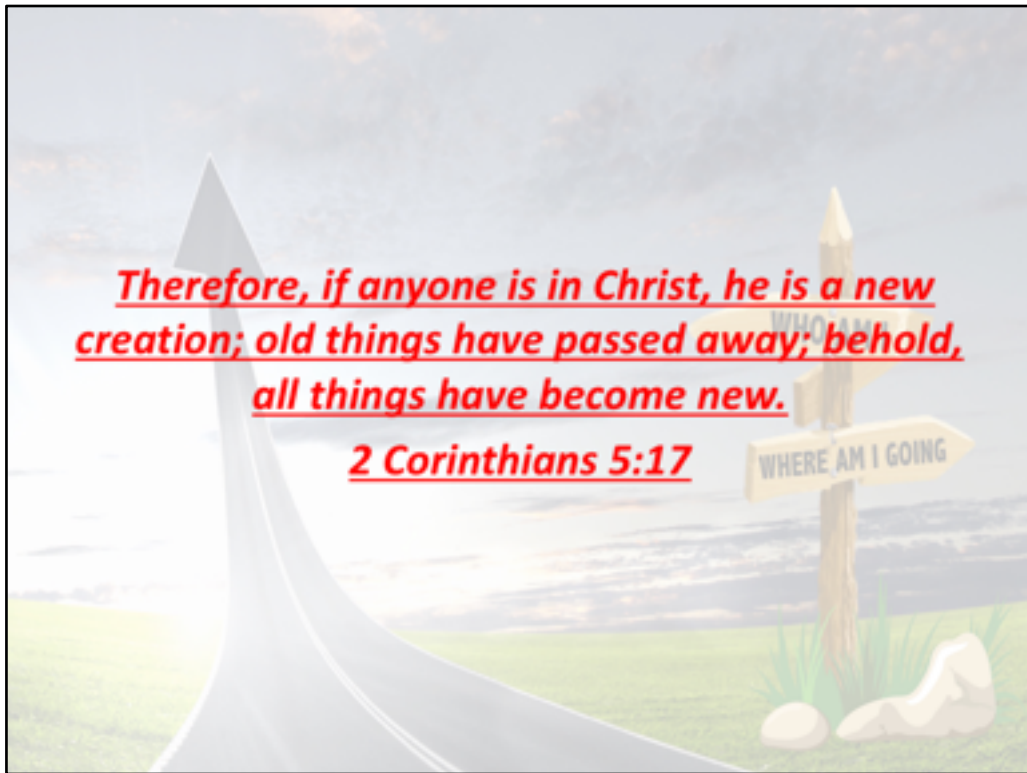
For as he thinks in his heart, so *is* he. –

Eg – telling a kid from day one he is dumb. Telling a girl she is an object.



Hosea 4:6 – first temptation boom – UNLESS we know who we are. As soon as we walk out the Church.

A masterpiece, saint, a conqueror, lots of beautiful things. Once you understand that you start to see the fruits. IN CHRIST.



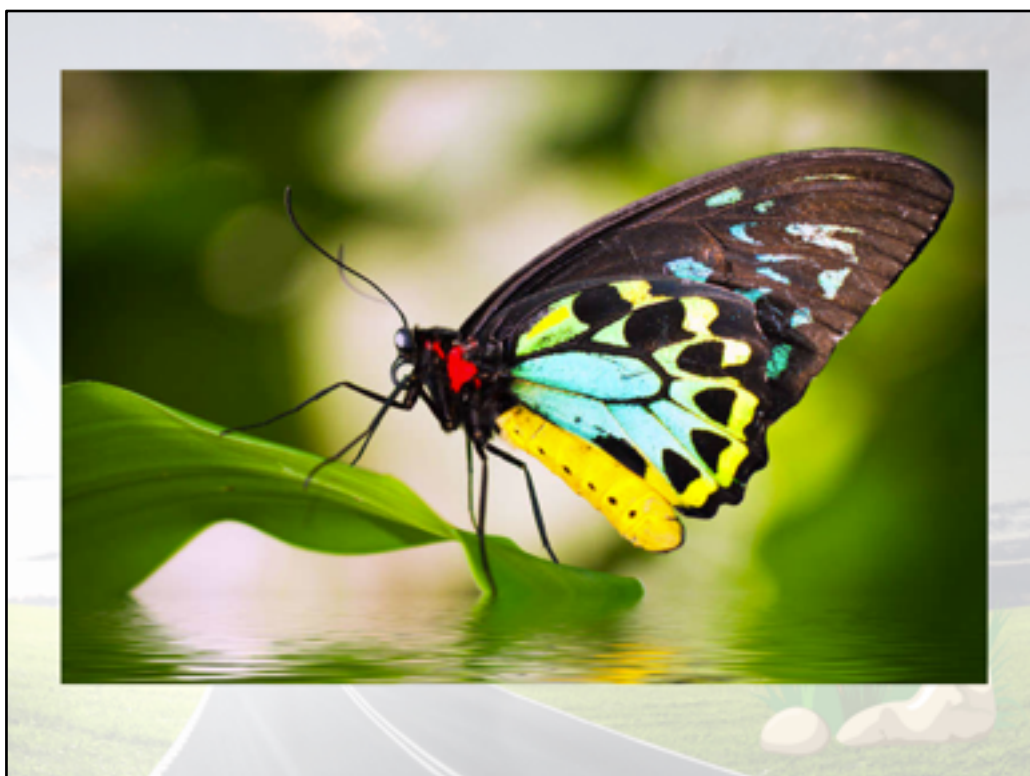
I am a new creation:

It doesn't matter that right now you don't know who you are. But KNOW you were created one way and then created again another way.

Jesus came to make all things new = ME ME ME.

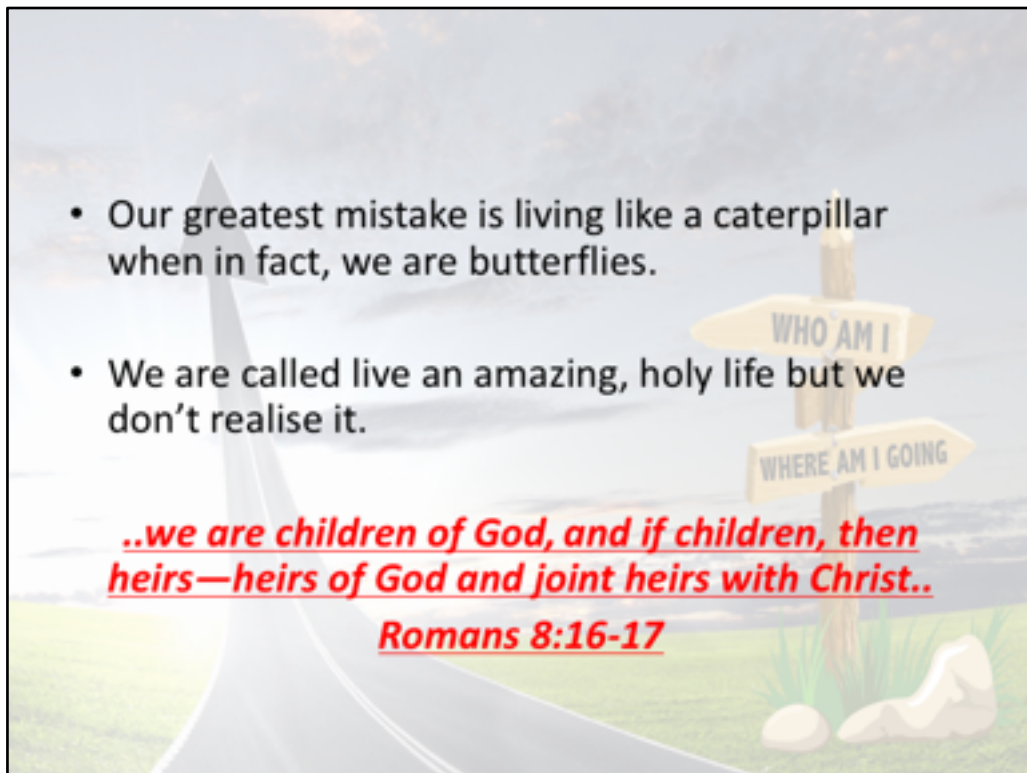


Regeneration – is not just improvement. A butterfly is not a caterpillar with wings. Its not the caterpillar plus. It is totally new, totally different but the same. You wouldn't say a butterfly is ugly cause it used to be a caterpillar.





The past..



You are butterflies., what would you say if you saw a butterfly acting like a caterpillar (who didn't know he was a butterfly).. DON'T YOU KNOW WHO YOU ARE DON'T YOU KNOW WHAT YOU ARE?

We live like caterpillar, we are called to live like this and actually we live like this.

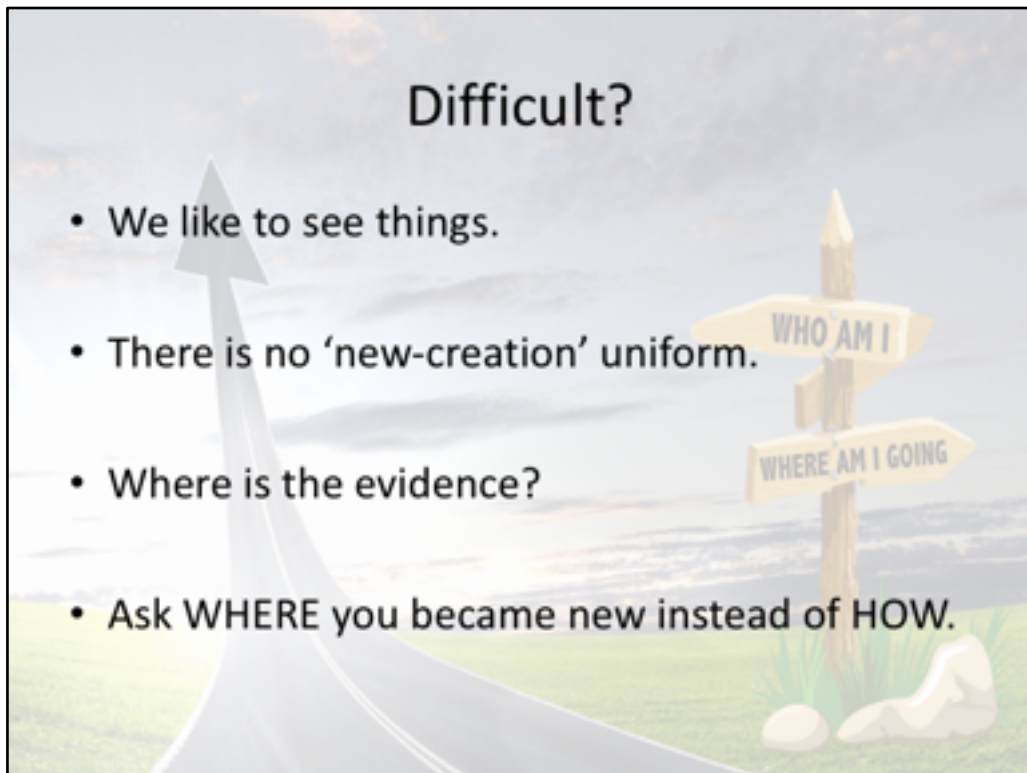
.we are children of God,¹⁷ and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ..

We are heirs with God, when Jesus signs his name, we sign right by him. Whatever comes to him comes to us.

So how then can we feel worthless, lonely, anxious down in the dirt?



Created	RECREATED
Weak.	Strong.
Poor.	Rich.
Despair.	Hope
Flaws leading to defeat.	Power and strength leading to Victory.



Its hard to accept because we can't see it. Abouna wears a black robe, a soldier moves up and gets different stripes, doctor etc.. We want something to touch or hold or grasp that tells us we are new.

Instead of asking how we became new ask where is enough. I don't know what happens inside the cocoon, I just know that's where the caterpillar becomes the butterfly.



Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? ⁴ Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

Romans 6:3-4.

Baptism means we walk out in a different way – COCOON – Again I don't know what happens in this heavenly cocoon. But if you can believe that this tiny cocoon can make that little caterpillar into something special? Then how much more can this process God made for us do.

This is not a talk about baptism, so I'm not gonna go into that. But this is key – if you can understand and accept that you are new you can be strong, pure, kind – CONQUERORS.

Joseph

How then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God? Genesis 39:9

He knows who he is and what kind of life he is called to.



Genesis 39 – proper belief = correct behaviour. Potiphar's wife. He wasn't the first. Well God I tried.

How can I? He means I know God, I can't do that – I get that people who don't know God. Not a snobbish way – I hold myself to higher standard.

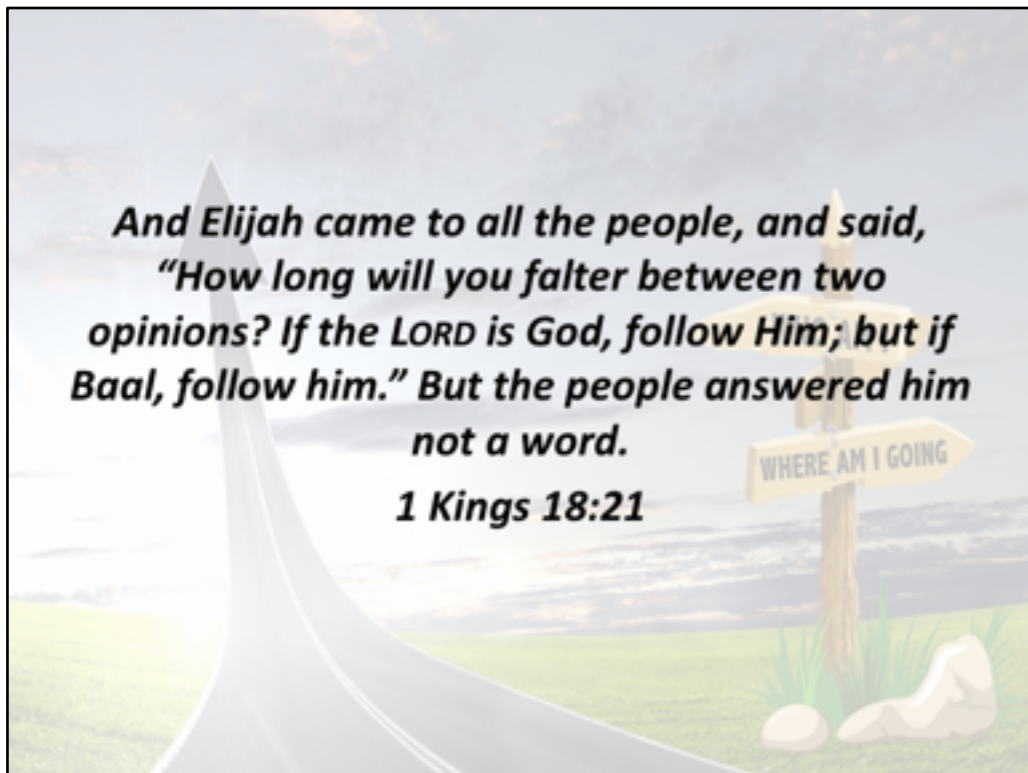
Elijah

And Elijah the Tishbite, of the inhabitants of Gilead, said to Ahab, "As the LORD God of Israel lives, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, except at my word."

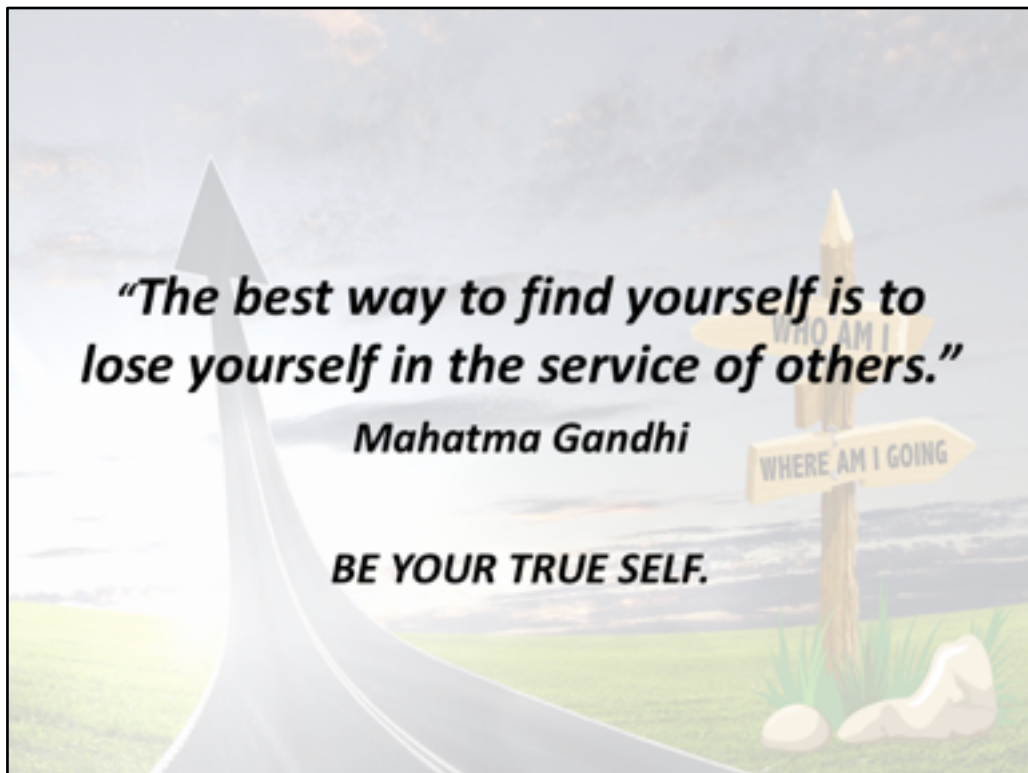
1 Kings 17:1



Elijah is a superhero. He was a nobody – He went against the whole nation and knew who he belonged to. God was glorified in Him because he knew that Elijah did not conform to society and instead was strong in his faith, therefore having the identity of Christ rather than the identity of the world.



He sees God, in the creation – He knows that he is in Gods



God constantly gives us chances to grow – people to help, opportunities to know Him. If we strive to truly be ourselves (Our true selves) – That’s what God wants for us to be YOU (the new you) – and that’s IN HIM.

SO THEN JUST AS YOU
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THANKFULNESS

Colossians 2:6-7