



It's important that God's Word continues after the message. At Celebrate, we find that you will quite often talk over this week's message long after our experience is over. That's because God has impact. The Sermon Discussion Guide is designed to help you continue the conversation all week.

The hand we are dealt can sometimes be challenging to work with, but we need not be so quick to fold. The Creator of the hand has a purpose for what He dealt us. If we can learn to trust in Him, that purpose will eventually be revealed and we can expect to do great things. Trust in God and remember that you are **chosen, royal, holy, and belong**.

In Christ, I AM:

- 1) Completely ACCEPTED – There are no if's, and's or but's about it. God accepts us just as we are, as He created us. We don't need to compromise anything when we understand that. Do you remember a time when you felt you were not accepted? How could understanding God's unfailing acceptance change how you reacted in that situation? How might it affect how you respond in the future?
1 Peter 2:9; Titus 3:7
- 2) Extremely VALUABLE - Comparison is the root of all unhappiness. When we compare ourselves to someone else we devalue God's work. We are not a mistake. How can we learn to measure our own worth based on how God sees us?
Psalms 139:14; Deuteronomy 14:2; Romans 12:2
- 3) Eternally LOVED – God loves us...period. There's nothing we can do to increase or decrease that love. It is unconditional and everlasting.
Prayer - God, please help us to embrace the gift of your love more fully and share that unconditional love with others.
Jeremiah 31:3; Psalm 100:5; John 3:16
- 4) Totally FORGIVEN - God knows the worst things we've ever done, or ever will do – and it's ALL forgiven. How can we learn to be forgiving as God has forgiven us?
1 Peter 2:10; Romans 8:1; Isaiah 43:25
- 5) Fully CAPABLE – God created us with the ability to handle all things, but only with Him at the wheel. Have you chosen to put God in the driver's seat? Do you turn to God when your tasks seem overwhelming or difficult?
2 Corinthians 3:5-6; Joshua 1:7-9

What's Next

- Find ways to remind yourself that you are accepted, valuable, loved, forgiven, and capable. Post reminders around your home and even at work.
- Spend time in prayer asking God to help you to forgive someone who has wronged you in some way.