

Esther 2



IDENTITY is a fragile, inner understanding of **WHO** we are, **WHY** we are important, and **WHERE** we fit. It is essential to our humanity.

EXILE

UNDERSTAND that the source and support of your identity (deeper than family, hometown, etc.) is actually GOD.

- So, God created man in his own image... male and female, he created them. (*Gen. 1:27*)
- For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works... (*Eph. 2:10*).
- You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. (*Gal. 3:26*)

CLING to God! Circumstances can exile you from familiar settings, but circumstances can never exile you from God's calling and care.

- Do not be terrified, for the Lord your God **goes with you**. He will never leave you or forsake you! (*Deut. 31:6*)
- Neither life or death, angels or demons, neither the present or the future, or any powers or height or depth or anything else in all creation **will be able to separate us** from the love of God... (*Rom. 8:38-39*)

Figure out how to **BLOOM** where
you are **PLANTED!**

ADOPTION

Adoption is a legal statement and a social announcement... this adoptee is considered the same as a birth child.

This human instrument [adoption] is used by God as an exact description of his **will** and **work** in Christ.

- As many as believed in his name he gave the **right** to become **children** of God. (*Jn. 1:12*)
- In love he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Christ Jesus in accordance with his **pleasure** and **will**. (*Eph. 1:5*)

This is so significant as to be called a **new birth!**

This changes our **relationship** with God.
We become **heirs** of his life and love.