

God's Changing Our Name

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Our series on love has been powerful.
Messages to direct us into God's love.
Love that heals, transforms, and brings us into our God created destinies.
God's love is so powerful that it destroys all the enemies that entrenched themselves,
deeply rooted in us that keep us from receiving God's love – and crippling us from
wholly-souledly loving Him – mind/ will/emotions and receiving and giving love to
others.

Masked and covered up we try desperately to act over and get free.
We looked last week how God's love moved in Sarah's life – wife of Abraham.

Before God's love breathed into Sarah she was known as Sarai- her identity was formed
by Fathers and her husband Abram.

Sarai's identity – the deep roots of who she was, was formed by others to feel worthless –
ashamed as a woman – used and abused.
She slumped into believing she was a failure as a woman/wife/mother.
She was lonely, fearful and rejected

These deep roots affect every relationship she developed issues with her husband,
relatives and God.

The root produces fruit: She lost hope and joy in life, felt unfulfilled and lost faith in
God.

Her life was fruitless and barren.
She lost intimacy with God, her husband and fell into despair.

Then God changed her name/identity from Sarai to Sarah
He breathed into her who she was in Him not who she had been formed to be by others
but by an encounter with God.

In her new identity God called her "Princess"
Daughter of a King

Then He made her a promise
That she would be fruitful be blessed – doubly – 2x spoken and be the mother of nations.

She became "A Princess with Promise"
Her Response later: She laughed, didn't believe it – mocked God
She repented, received her new identity, believed His promise, and conceived His
word.

The new
root
transformed
all her
relationships

Barrenness was broken.

Her love; intimacy with her God and her natural husband was revived (raised from the dead) and she declared of her Lord.

“Faithful is He who has promised”

- The new fruit from her new identity rooted in Gods love: her mourning was turned into laughter

This is a stronghold for both men & women: all of us God is moving to rip out old roots and root us in God’s love.

Your Lord is birthing you from old destructive identities into who you are in Him – to Him.

You are His Prince, His Princess – you have been breathed into-and raised from the dead in Christ- you are the Sons and Daughters of a King.

Your days of barrenness, disgrace, guilt, fear, worthlessness, failure as a man/Woman/, Son/Daughter, Mother/Father are ending

You are the apple of your Father’s eye.

You’re His beloved as you believe it/ receive it you will be transformed into a new Man/Woman.

We will live out our identities; who we believe ourselves to be.

Like Sarai, we have believed that who we are is what others have told us or how others have treated us- Especially our Father’s and for Women, their Husband’s.

If you really- deep down inside- believe/think you’re rejected – you’ll attract rejection to confirm “I am rejected”

Behind
your
identity is
the one
who
created it!

Your identity empowers you, positively or negatively to fulfill it’s destiny.

The destiny or end that’s ordained for that identity.

If you believe your dumb, not so smart person you will do not so smart thing and end up where not so smart people expect to end up – below smart people.

If you believe your ugly- no matter what you put on or how many people tell you “you look pretty” – you’ll feel ugly

Because you know who you are underneath=ugly

- **Principle:** you will never rise above the way you see yourself
- You can never act in contradiction to your self concept.
- “As a man thinks in his heart so he is”

What is your real identity, sinner or saint?

Who is the real you that you live out of?

We have all been trapped in old identities by lies we have heard and experiences of life. These old identities are destroying our ability to receive God’s love to love others-have joy, faith and be fruitful.

Around these lies we have formed vows:

Roots
Very Strong



- Conclusion we've come to by which we live our life
 - ⇒ They are subtle/subconscious/rooted very strongly
 - ⇒ Example: If my father rejected me – word and actions- therefore, “I am rejected”
 - ⇒ My identity has been formed, now I vow – since I am rejected- will not accept compliments – I will exclude myself from relationships – move away from people – or intimacy (God & man) & fulfill my destiny as a rejected person.
 - ⇒ Alone/Angry/Worthless

So God has to change our identities.

Who I am - He changes my name

He does that by encountering His LOVE: revealing the lie I've been believing, giving me grace to repent of how I've sinned and hurt people because of the lie; renouncing the lie; binding the lying spirit; renouncing the vow I've taken; breaking the soul tie with the people (my father) that was used to speak or act out the lie I believed; And receiving and believing who I am in Him receiving my new identity by faith.

Sarai / Abram to Sarah / Abraham

Need an identity changed

Simon son of Jonah was changed to Peter (little rock) (chip off old rock): Old name heritage – Jonah

Jacob was deceiver – couldn't get out of His own way

He needed an encounter with God to get His identity changed to Israel – Prince of God

Your new name is graced – empowered by God's love- your new identity gives you God's ability to fulfill your destiny in God and destroys the power of the lie that leads to continuous failure.

Testimony:

- Away – encounter – sent by Pastoral Team
- Name Change
- Loved on me (prodigal came home-total acceptance)
- Who are you
- Define each relationship
 - So I defined God – my marriage
 - Name: Worker (Striver) (CPA-Controller)(Lawyer)
 - Need for approval/affirmed of father and others
 - Never get there



By what I did, not who I was
Who are you without work?
“I don't know”

- Lies I believed : Little League/Knowledge is power
- Vows: Rather burn out than rust out/work until I die

- Rest: Saturday/Golf
- Fruit in my life – no real joy/anger
- Religious Spirit: Zeal without love: law without liberty, regulations without relationship

Repent

[Cut soul tie (father/spirit father
Renounce vows
Bind/cast our spirit

- Marriage – curse – not approved of, pushed away
- Redefined then receiving my new name: son/husband/father/shepherd
- Reoriented: we work out of approval not for it
- Relationships before routine