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## Identity Crisis

There are questions under the surface of every teen and even every human:

- Do I matter?
- Am I valuable?
- Is there something bigger than the chaos, the pressure, the performance?

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. <sup>2</sup> The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

<sup>3</sup> And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. <sup>4</sup> And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup> God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. **Genesis 1:1–5 ESV**

Before we figure out who we are, we need to know who God is. Because only the Creator gets to define the creation.

*Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."*

<sup>27</sup> *So God created man in his own image,  
in the image of God he created him;  
male and female he created them.*

<sup>28</sup> *And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth."* <sup>29</sup> *And God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food."* <sup>30</sup> *And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food."* And it was so. <sup>31</sup> *And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.* **Genesis 1:26–31 ESV**

## **You Are Made in the Image of God**

### **Point 1: You Are Valuable**

Your value doesn't come from what you do. It comes from who made you.

- *For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago. **Ephesians 2:10***

### **Point 2: You Have a Purpose**

- *"Be fruitful and multiply and govern..." **Genesis 1:28***
- *Live a life worthy of your calling...**Ephesians 4:1***

You weren't made to just exist. You were made to reflect God, represent God, and care for the things he's entrusted to you

### **Point 3: You Are Loved**

Before humans did anything, God blessed them. That's grace.

- *For God so loved the world,<sup>u</sup> that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. **John 3:16***

### **Brennan Manning, *The Ragamuffin Gospel***

"Genuine self-acceptance is not derived from the power of positive thinking... it is an act of faith in the God of grace."

### **Three Voices Shaping How You See Yourself:**

- What others say about you
- What you say about yourself
- What God says about you

Take all the lies – replace them with **I am God's masterpiece.**

