

the power and authority to live it out.

Not to win anyone's approval or acceptance but because I already have Father's approval; I'm his loved child. I already have Father's acceptance; he delights in me. What freedom Jesus has blessed us with. Blessed you with, so that you can live a world changer, letting Jesus character and personality flow through you, as you live authentic lives in him.

And part of the reality Jesus reveals is that you don't have to do everything, you're part of a body. So you can rejoice as each part lives true to

Jesus' call. Rejoice and not be envious.

Envy is such a destructive force; wish I was something I'm not. Thank God we know who we are and in Jesus now live true to who we are; joining him and the rest of the body in this wonderful celebration of life that he has created.

"Since we find ourselves fashioned into all these excellently formed and marvellously functioning parts in Christ's body, let's just go ahead and be what we were made to be, without enviously or pride fully comparing ourselves with each other, or trying to be something we aren't." (Rom. 12:6 Message)

Together in Jesus, we are world changers, not by force, or intimidation; that's the world's way of getting what it wants. No, in Jesus, we are world changers because in him we are able to live true to who we are in every situation of life, And as we live true to who we are Jesus shapes the world around us, through us, so that the people we encounter might be set free to discover their true identity in him, and live free.

Let us pray.
Jesus grow me to every greater maturity so that I understand more and more who I am in you, and live authentically in every situation of life.

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LIVE TRUE TO WHO YOU ARE IN JESUS
Romans 12:1-8



Today's reading from Paul's letter to the community of faith in Rome, reminds me that there is on 'sacred' or 'secular' in the life of faith.

I like the way this is expressed in the Message Paraphrase; "Take your everyday, ordinary life – your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life – and place it before God as an offering." (Rom. 12:1)

All we do in life flows from who we are in Jesus. All I say and do can now be a living reflection of Jesus, of his love, his mercy, his wisdom, his courage, his character, his personality. I don't have special days where I get to be with

Jesus and other days where I just do my own thing. Thankfully Jesus is with me all the time.

That means all of my life is 'sacred'. All of my life is now lived with my loving heavenly Father. My world view is now shaped by Jesus. He's the one who determines what is reality, so that I can see through the devil's lies and deception.

I live in a world where what I consider 'reality' is being distorted all the time. That reminds me of Pilate when Jesus said that he was the truth. Pilate's response was; 'what is truth?' What is 'reality'?

Having a 'sacred' – 'secular' divide in your life is a distortion of reality. There is no part of your life more important to Jesus than another part, because the reality is that Jesus loves you. Jesus love for you has him seeking to grow you to maturity, in every area of life. Jesus is passionate about how I live in every circumstance of life, because Jesus is passionate about me.

Jesus' focus is on the person, is on you and the relationship he has created to live daily with you.

Anything that wants to divide my life up is a distortion of reality. The reality is that in Jesus I'm the same person in every situation I find myself

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Jesus' disciples multiplying disciples

<p>in. The goal is to live true to who I am, in Jesus, in every situation.</p>	<p>reality of his character and personality. Jesus' kingdom comes, and the king shapes his kingdom to fit his character and personality, never the other way around.</p>	<p>living true to who he is in Father.</p>	<p>think of hope, of life, of God's love, of victory over sin, death and the devil.</p>	<p>ability to live true to who we are and shape the world around us. In Jesus, you are not simply the product of a mix of genetics and nurture. You're not putty pushed and manipulated by the forces around to fit the agenda of the day. No, in Jesus, your identity is rock solid.</p>	<p>without trying to impress you so that I might feel good about myself.</p>
<p>To lose sight of this is to lose myself.</p>	<p>kingdom to fit his character and personality, never the other way around.</p>	<p>When Jesus was nailed to the cross, he remained true to his identity in Father. The cross didn't shape Jesus, Jesus shaped the cross into the ultimate symbol of hope, of life.</p>	<p>The bed-rock for our daily lives is that in Jesus we can live true to who we are; Father's loved children in whom he delights.</p>	<p>a mix of genetics and nurture. You're not putty pushed and manipulated by the forces around to fit the agenda of the day. No, in Jesus, your identity is rock solid.</p>	<p>What a slavish mentality that is; trying to feel good about yourself. Trying to win approval. Trying to find acceptance. Then I'm just putty in the</p>
<p>Jesus' goal is that I live authentic in every situation I find myself in, for the situation isn't to define me. Rather who I am in Jesus has the power to shape whatever situation I find myself in. For right there, at that</p>	<p>When Jesus asked his disciple; 'Who do people say I am?'</p>	<p>The cross didn't shape Jesus, Jesus shaped the cross into the ultimate symbol of hope, of life.</p>	<p>In Jesus I don't have to try and be something I'm not; rather as I spend time with Jesus, he helps me discover who I</p>	<p>In Jesus, we are world changers because in him we are able to live true.</p>	<p>world's hands, putty for the devil to mould and distort, robbing me of my true identity. Stealing the life Jesus has</p>
<p>time and place, I can bring Jesus character and personality into that situation. In Jesus you are a world changer, not manipulated and shaped by the events done to you.</p>	<p>The goal is to live true to who I am, in Jesus, in every situation.</p>	<p>What a change. People were crucified so that their slow painful death would strike the fear of god into people. The goal was to make people tow the line, out of fear. The thought that was being presented was; if you rebel, don't do what we say, then this will be you.</p>	<p>am. He helps me discover the gifts and talents Father has created in me. Jesus helps me discover the gifts and talents he has blessed me with through the Spirit. Then I can live true to who I am; and not be a slave to every opinion that comes my way.</p>	<p>What freedom for life we have been blessed with. In Jesus you are part of the 'Body of Christ'. That's part of our identity. We are part of this amazing, living, breathing, dynamic community of faith shaped by Jesus' living presence.</p>	<p>world's hands, putty for the devil to mould and distort, robbing me of my true identity. Stealing the life Jesus has</p>
<p>That's how Jesus lived; he's never shaped by the events done to him, but as he lives true to who he is in Father, Jesus shapes the world around him. Shapes the world into the</p>	<p>The answer wasn't; you're nice guy on Sundays, but Monday morning you can be really grumpy, only focused on making money.</p>	<p>goal was to make people tow the line, out of fear. The thought that was being presented was; if you rebel, don't do what we say, then this will be you.</p>	<p>At times we'll face persecution, just like Jesus. And just like Jesus, in him, we have the wonderful</p>	<p>So Jesus sets me free to be the person he has created me to be, without trying to compete with you,</p>	<p>given his life for me to live.</p>
<p>That's how Jesus lived; he's never shaped by the events done to him, but as he lives true to who he is in Father, Jesus shapes the world around him. Shapes the world into the</p>	<p>Peter's answer was; 'You're the Messiah, the Son of the living God'. And it was on this bed-rock that Jesus said he'd build his community of faith, his kingdom.</p>	<p>Jesus wasn't shaped by the cross. His life wasn't a response to fear and intimidation. Jesus shapes reality, changing this fear agenda, into a grace breathed, life giving act of love. When I think of the cross I</p>	<p>At times we'll face persecution, just like Jesus. And just like Jesus, in him, we have the wonderful</p>	<p>So Jesus sets me free to be the person he has created me to be, without trying to compete with you,</p>	<p>Thank God that in Jesus, we can offer our lives, our everyday, ordinary lives to God as we live true to who we are in him. Thank God we're not putty in the world's hands, never sure of who we are or what is the right thing to do. In Jesus, I am Father's child. In Jesus, I know Father's will and in Jesus I have</p>