

## PLEASE!

### Part 3: Theft

#### Why do we adopt false identities?

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*“What actually took place is this: I tried keeping rules and working my head off to please God, and it didn’t work. So I quit being a “law-man” so that I could be God’s man. Christ’s life showed me how, and enabled me to do it. I identified myself completely with him. Indeed, I have been crucified with Christ. My ego is no longer central. It is no longer important that I appear righteous before you or have your good opinion, and I am no longer driven to impress God. Christ lives in me. The life you see me living is not ‘mine,’ but it is lived by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. I am not going to go back on that.” – Galatians 2:19-20 (MSG)*

#### Six steps in the journey:

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*“I tried keeping rules and working my head off to please God.” – Galatians 2:19*

*“I was circumcised when I was eight days old. I am a pure-blooded citizen of Israel and a member of the tribe of Benjamin – a real Hebrew if there ever was one! I was a member of the Pharisees, who demanded the strictest obedience to the Jewish law.” – Philippians 3:5*

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*“I was so zealous that I harshly persecuted the church.” – Philippians 3:6*

*“They dragged him out of the city and began to stone him. His accusers took off their coats and laid them at the feet of a young man named Saul. As they stoned him, Stephen prayed, ‘Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.’ He fell to his knees, shouting, ‘Lord, don’t charge them with this sin!’*

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*With that he died. Saul was one of the witnesses, and he agreed completely with the killing of Stephen.” – Acts 7:58-8:1*

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*“As he was approaching Damascus on this mission, a light from the heaven suddenly shone down around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, ‘Saul! Saul! Why are you persecuting me? ‘Who are you Lord?’ Saul asked. And the voice replied, ‘I am Jesus, the one you are persecuting! Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do.’ The men with Saul stood speechless for they heard the sound of someone’s voice but saw no one. Saul picked himself up off the ground, but when he opened his eyes he was blind. So his companions led him by the hand to Damascus. He remained there blind for three days and did not eat or drink.” – Acts 9:3-9*

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*“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son.” – John 3:16*

*“So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God’s Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. No we call him, ‘Abba, Father.’ For his Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God’s children.” – Romans 8:15-16*

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*“But whenever someone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. For the Lord is the Spirit, and wherever the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.” – 2 Corinthians 3:16-17*

*“So we say with confidence, ‘The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?’ – Hebrews 13:6*

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