



Sermon Notes: Flip The Script

1. Recognize what your self-made identity is doing to you.

- 1) Recognize that a self-made identity makes you an idolater.
- 2) Recognize that a self-made identity disintegrates your true self whether you succeed or you fail.

2. Render it powerless.

- 1) Call BS.
- 2) Consider that old identity worthless.

3. Receive your true identity by grace through faith.

4. Revere God as your decisive validator.



Gospel Applications: Flip The Script

1. Review: What are you seeing as the top 3-5 things you're trying to find your identity in?
2. Referring to your answers under #1, what idols often appear in connection with over-emphasizing these identity factors? (e.g. finding your identity in your work often leads to workaholism)
3. Referring to your answers under #2, what are some specific ways you see yourself serving and being controlled by these idols?
4. Referring to #1, 2, and 3, what are these things doing to your mindset and emotions? How do you feel when you succeed? When you fail?
5. How does answering #4 help you deny and die to these self-made and culturally-conditioned identities? What are some of the lies of those identities you need to call out?
6. How can you reckon something as worthless if it doesn't *seem* worthless to you? If you're still finding your sense of self-worth or uniqueness in a particular identity, what are some ways you can count it as loss?
7. Contrasting to #4, how do you feel when you succeed or fail *while actively rejoicing in the essence of your Gospel Identity*? How does God see you when you fail vs. when you succeed? How does a Gospel Identity redefine what "success" and "failure" are to begin with?
8. In your own words, what does it mean to "revere God as your decisive validator"? What are some practical ways you can do just that?
9. What's your top, non-Gospel identity from #1? What gives you the most powerful dose of self-worth (if you get it) or despair (if you don't)? How does the validation of God the Father speak to that identity?
10. What one thing will you do with this message this week?