



God is strong, and he wants you strong. So take everything the Master has set out for you, well-made weapons of the best materials. And put them to use so you will be able to stand up to everything the Devil throws your way. This is no weekend war that we'll walk away from and forget about in a couple of hours. This is for keeps, a life-or-death fight to the finish against the Devil and all his angels. Ephesians 6:10-12 (MSG)

It's in Christ that we find out who we are and what we are living for... Ephesians 1:11 (Msg)

- Your identity in Christ is your understanding of who **God says you are** because you have put your faith in Jesus.

- You are **chosen** by God and you **belong** to God.

...listen to the Lord who created you...the one who formed you says, "Do not be afraid, for I have ransomed you. I have called you by name; you are mine. Isaiah 43:1 (NLT)

16 You didn't choose me. I chose you. I appointed you to go and produce lasting fruit, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask for, using my name. John 15:16 (NLT)

...may you be able to feel and understand, as all God's children should, how long, how wide, how deep, and how high his love really is; and to experience this love for yourselves, though it is so great that you will never see the end of it or fully know or understand it. And so at last you will be filled up with God himself. Ephesians 3:18-19 (TLB)

- God invites you on a journey to personally uncover and deeply **experience** the amazing love He has for you.

- It is impossible for God to look at you and desire anything less than His **best** for you.

9 ...This one thing I know: God is for me! Psalm 56:9 (TLB)

11 For I know the plans I have for you," says the LORD. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope. Jeremiah 29:11 (NLT)

31 ...If God is for us, who can be against us? 32 He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all — how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? Romans 8:31-32 (NLT)

**When I realize God is for me:**

- I don't **hide from** God but rather **run to** God.

(Adam) answered, 10 "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid." Genesis 3:10 (NIV)

10 The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous run to it and are safe. Proverbs 18:10 (NIV)

- I don't live **for** God's approval but **from** His approval.

8 But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8 (NIV)

- I don't fear what's happening **around** me because I know God is working **in** me.

28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28 (NIV)

13 For it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose. Philippians 2:13 (NIV)

Come and listen, all you who fear God; let me tell you what he has done for me. Psalm 66:16

(God) does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. Psalm 103:10-12

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## TO CREATIVELY LOVE AND LEAD PEOPLE IN A GROWING RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS.

Questions that can be used in Connection Groups:

*These questions also work well for personal time with God.*

- What scripture and/or point spoke most to you from the Talk on Sunday? Explain.
- Just spend a moment talking about why it is important for us to understand our identity in Christ.
- What does it mean to you to be loved by God?
- What does it mean to you to be chosen by God?
- Read Ephesians 3:18-19; What is the difference between knowing *about* God's love and personally experiencing God's love.
- What does it mean for God to want nothing less than His best for you?
- What are some ways we hide from God? What does it mean to run to God?
- How do people try to earn God's approval? How do we live from God's approval?
- When you know that God is for you how does that remove fear in you?

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Opportunities to experience community:



**Encha-salada-jale-rito**

Sign up in the Courtyard

**Sunday December 8th**  
4p / The Great Room

White Elephant Gift Exchange  
\$10 limit please

The poster features a festive background with Christmas ornaments and a cartoon character in a sombrero holding a gift.



**THE Quest GIVING TREE**

We have a great opportunity to bless some families this year!

**3 easy steps to make a difference:**

1. Take an ornament from the tree in the lobby
2. Purchase the item(s)
3. Return wrapped gift/gift card (with ornament attached) no later than December 22

*Sharing Jesus through generosity!*

The poster shows a Christmas tree made of ornaments and several wrapped gifts.



**THE Quest CHURCH** **THOMAS ELEMENTARY**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**Grocery Giveaway!**

**Saturday, December 21st**

**SIGN-UP SHEET IN THE COURTYARD**

11am Prep / Noon -1:30p Food Giveaway

The poster includes an image of people at a grocery giveaway and a shopping bag.



**THE Quest CHURCH** EST. 2004

**Doing life together**

The logo features the church name in a stylized font with a large 'Q' and 'est. 2004' to the right.

Today's Talk..



**THE BATTLE  FOR YOUR IDENTITY**

The poster shows a person in a dark hoodie against a black background.

You are Loved.

Sunday, December 1st, 2024

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