Do I Know Who I Really Am?

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By faith Moses' parents hid him for three months after he was born, because they saw he was no ordinary child, and they were not afraid of the king's edict. ²⁴ By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter. ²⁵ He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a short time. ²⁶ He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward. 27 By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the king's anger; he persevered because he saw him who is invisible. ²⁸ By faith he kept the Passover and the sprinkling of blood, so that the destroyer of the firstborn would not touch the firstborn of Israel.

Hebrews 11:23-27 (NIV)

Four things that happen when I make a positive ID.

1. Knowing my true identity <u>demonstrates spiritual maturity</u>. (v.24)

By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter. **Hebrews 11:24 (NIV)**

- The road to **spiritual maturity** leads to my **personal identity**.
- 2. Knowing my true identity defines my responsibilities. (v.25)

He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a short time. **Hebrews 11:25 (NIV)**

My responsibility is connected to my identity.

Each of us will give an account of themselves to God.

Romans 14:12 (NIV)

3. Knowing my true identity decides my priorities. (v.26)

He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward. Hebrews 11:26 (NIV)

- When I know who I am, it clears up my priorities.
- What would I list as my top five values?

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...he was looking ahead to his reward. Hebrews 11:26 (NIV)

According to your faith will it be done to you... Matthew 9:29 (NIV)

Yes, everything is worthless when compared with the priceless gain of knowing Christ. Philippians 3:8 (TLB)

4. Knowing my Identity determines my destiny. (v.27)

By faith he left Egypt without being afraid of the king's anger. He kept on going as if he could see what is invisible.

Hebrews 11:27 (CEB)

Making a positive ID will change the direction of my life.

I am a **product** of my **past**...

...but I don't have to be a *prisoner* of my *past*.

For if a man is in Christ he becomes a **new** person altogether—<u>the</u> past is finished and gone, everything has become fresh and new.

2 Corinthians 5:17 (TLB)