

A wooden cross is the central focus, with a white cloth draped over its arms. The background is a soft, warm, out-of-focus light. The text "corporate prayer" is centered over the cross.

corporate  
prayer

# Corporate Prayer

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A wooden cross is shown with a white cloth draped over it. The word "welcome" is written in a dark, serif font across the center of the cross. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

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**Anti Christ and False  
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1 John 2:18-27

PREACHER

**Dr Peter Ng**

21 May, 2023

**Children of God:  
Hope Reborn**

1 John 2:28-3:3

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**Children of God:  
Life Consistent**

1 John 3:4-10

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**EXODUS**



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Who am I?

<sup>11</sup> But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?"  
Exodus 3:11

# Who am I, O Lord?

Personal identity and the Burning Bush encounter

A Family Life Ministry sermon

Exodus 3 - 4:17

- Genesis
- Exodus
- Leviticus
- Numbers
- Deuteronomy

- Genesis - **Bereisheet**
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Genesis (Bereisheet)

בְּרֵאשִׁית

(bə-reh-SHEET)

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Exodus (Shemot)

שְׁמוֹת

(shə-MOHT)

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Leviticus (Vayikra)

וַיִּקְרָא

(vah-yeek-RAH)

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Numbers (Bamidbar)

בַּמִּדְבָּר

(bah-meed-BAHR)

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Deuteronomy (Devarim)

דְּבָרִים

(də-vah-REEM)

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- Genesis - **Bereisheet** (*"In the **beginning**"* - chp 1:1)
- Exodus – **Shemot** (..... -chp1:1)
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**So who is Moses?**

# Moses the prince of Egypt

<sup>9</sup> Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this baby and nurse him for me, and I will pay you." So the woman took the baby and nursed him. <sup>10</sup> When the child grew older, she took him to Pharaoh's daughter and he became her son. She **named** him Moses, saying, "I drew him out of the water."

# Moses the failed liberator

<sup>11</sup> One day, after Moses had grown up, he went out to where his own people were and watched them at their hard labor. He saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his own people. <sup>12</sup> Looking this way and that and seeing no one, he killed the Egyptian and hid him in the sand. <sup>13</sup> The next day he went out and saw two Hebrews fighting. He asked the one in the wrong, "Why are you hitting your fellow Hebrew?"

Exodus 2:11

# Moses the political refugee

*15 When Pharaoh heard of this, he tried to kill Moses, but Moses fled from Pharaoh and went to live in Midian, where he sat down by a well.  
Exodus 2:15*



# Moses the foreigner

<sup>21</sup> Moses agreed to stay with the man, who gave his daughter Zipporah to Moses in marriage. <sup>22</sup> Zipporah gave birth to a son, and Moses **named** him Gershom, saying, "I have become a foreigner in a foreign land."

Exodus 2:21

# Moses the Shepherd

*3 Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. 2 There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. 3 So Moses thought, "I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up."*



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<sup>4</sup> When the LORD saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, "Moses! Moses!"

And Moses said, "Here I am."

<sup>5</sup> "Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground." <sup>6</sup> Then he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob." At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.

<sup>7</sup> The LORD said, “I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. <sup>8</sup> So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey—the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. <sup>9</sup> And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. <sup>10</sup> So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt.”

<sup>11</sup> But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?”

Moses: “I’m not qualified, God.”

<sup>12</sup> And God said, "I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain."

God: "My presence will make you qualified."

<sup>13</sup> Moses said to God, "Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' Then what shall I tell them?"

Moses: "I have no authority, God."

14 God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I AM has sent me to you.'"

<sup>15</sup> God also said to Moses, “Say to the Israelites, ‘**The LORD**, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you.’

“**This is my name forever,  
the name you shall call me  
from generation to generation.**

<sup>16</sup> “Go, assemble the elders of Israel and say to them, ‘**The LORD**, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob—appeared to me and said: I have watched over you and have seen what has been done to you in Egypt. <sup>17</sup> And I have promised to bring you up out of your misery in Egypt into the land of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites—a land flowing with milk and honey.’

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<sup>14</sup> God said to Moses, “**I AM WHO I AM**. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: ‘I AM has sent me to you.’”

God: “**My name** will give you authority.”

18 "The elders of Israel will listen to you. Then you and the elders are to go to the king of Egypt and say to him, '**The LORD**, the God of the Hebrews, has met with us. Let us take a three-day journey into the wilderness to offer sacrifices to **the LORD** our God.' 19 But I know that the king of Egypt will not let you go unless a mighty hand compels him. 20 So I will stretch out my hand and strike the Egyptians with all the wonders that I will perform among them. After that, he will let you go.

21 "And I will make the Egyptians favorably disposed toward this people, so that when you leave you will not go empty-handed. 22 Every woman is to ask her neighbor and any woman living in her house for articles of silver and gold and for clothing, which you will put on your sons and daughters. And so you will plunder the Egyptians."

<sup>19</sup> But I know that the king of Egypt will not let you go unless a mighty hand compels him. <sup>20</sup> So I will stretch out my hand and strike the Egyptians with all the wonders that I will perform among them. After that, he will let you go. Exodus 3:19

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Now you will see what I will do to Pharaoh: Because of my mighty hand he will let them go; because of my mighty hand he will drive them out of his country." Exodus 6:1

<sup>5</sup> And the Egyptians will know that I am the LORD when I stretch out my hand against Egypt and bring the Israelites out of it." Exodus 7:5

<sup>15</sup> For by now I could have stretched out my hand and struck you and your people with a plague that would have wiped you off the earth. Exodus 9:15

"Remember that you were slaves in Egypt and the Lord your God brought you out of there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm." Deut. 5:15

4 Moses answered, “What if they do not believe me or listen to me and say, ‘The LORD did not appear to you?’”

*Moses: “I’m not believable, God.”*

<sup>2</sup> Then the LORD said to him, “What is that in your hand?”

“A staff,” he replied.

<sup>3</sup> The LORD said, “Throw it on the ground.”

Moses threw it on the ground and it became a snake, and he ran from it. <sup>4</sup> Then the LORD said to him, “Reach out your hand and take it by the tail.” So Moses reached out and took hold of the

snake and it turned back into a staff in his hand. <sup>5</sup> “This,” said the LORD, “is so that they may believe that the LORD, the God of their fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—the LORD appeared to you.” So Moses put his hand into his cloak, and when he took it out, the skin was leprous—it had become as white as snow.

<sup>7</sup> “Now put it back into your cloak,” he said. So Moses put his hand back into his cloak, and when he took it out, it was restored, like the rest of his flesh.

<sup>8</sup> Then the LORD said, "If they do not believe you or pay attention to the first sign, they may believe the second. <sup>9</sup> But if they do not believe these two signs or listen to you, take some water from the Nile and pour it on the dry ground. The water you take from the river will become blood on the ground."

YHWH: "My power will make you believable."

<sup>10</sup> Moses said to the LORD, “Pardon your servant, Lord. I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor since you have spoken to your servant. I am slow of speech and tongue.”

*Moses: “I can’t communicate well, God.”*

<sup>11</sup> The LORD said to him, “Who gave human beings their mouths? Who makes them deaf or mute? Who gives them sight or makes them blind? Is it not I, the LORD? <sup>12</sup> Now go; I will help you speak and will teach you what to say.”

*YHWH: “My instructions will enable you to communicate.”*



<sup>13</sup> But Moses said, “Pardon your servant, Lord. Please send someone else.”

**Moses: “The real truth is..... I just don’t want to go”**

<sup>14</sup> Then the LORD's anger burned against Moses and he said, "What about your brother, Aaron the Levite? I know he can speak well. He is already on his way to meet you, and he will be glad to see you. <sup>15</sup> You shall speak to him and put words in his mouth; I will help both of you speak and will teach you what to do. <sup>16</sup> He will speak to the people for you, and it will be as if he were your mouth and as if you were God to him. <sup>17</sup> But take this staff in your hand so you can perform the signs with it."

YHWH: "You don't do this alone"

# 1. We often let worldly success or failures define our identities.

- *With our lips* we say our identity is as a child of God, reshaped in the image of Christ Jesus. *With our hearts* we define ourselves by our careers, our relationships and our personal sense of self worth.

Moses: “This is why I should stick to rearing sheep in Midian, LORD.”

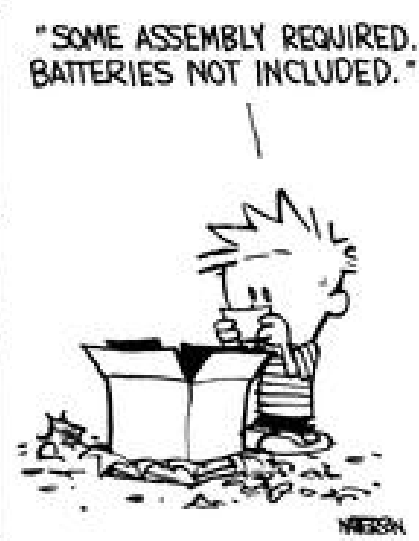
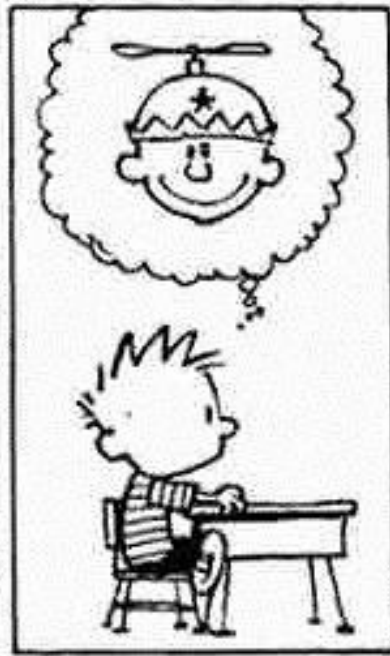
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- I don’t have the authority
- I’m not believable
- I can’t speak well
- I’m too traumatized by my past to do this

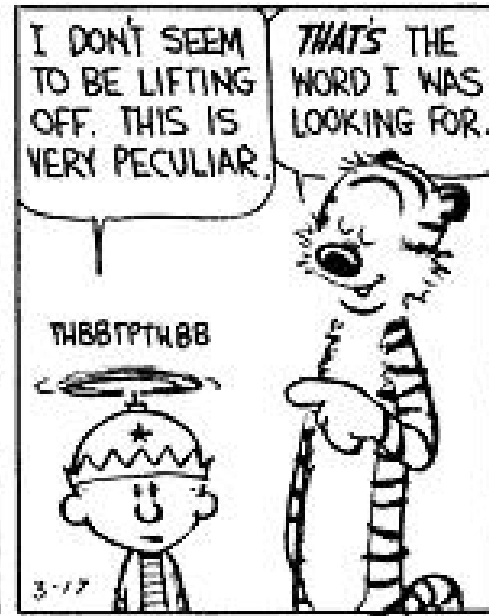
## **What's important to me**

- My qualifications
- My acceptance by others
- My public facade
- My talents

## **What really shapes my identity**

- My career
- My need to belong
- My need for approval
- My desire to be better than others





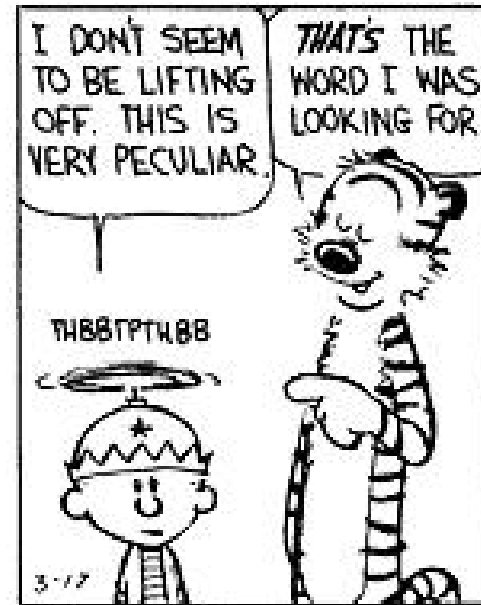
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# Why many people end up rearing sheep in Midian



Anticipation



Reality Check

WHAT A RIP-OFF! I ATE ALL THAT CEREAL, WAITED WEEKS AND WEEKS TO GET THE BEANIE, ASSEMBLED IT MYSELF, AND THE DUMB THING DOESN'T EVEN FLY!



Bitterness (*"I have become a foreigner in a foreign land"*)



- We often let worldly success or failures define our identities.
- Don't despise your weakness, disappointments or failures. Despise instead the pursuit of self made strength.

## MOSES

- I'm not qualified
- I don't have the authority
- I'm not believable
- I can't speak well
- I'm too scared to do this

## YHWH

- My *presence* is enough
- My *name* is enough
- My *power* is enough
- My *word* is enough
- My *will* is enough

<sup>23</sup> This is what the LORD says:

“Let not the wise boast of their  
wisdom

or the strong boast of their  
strength

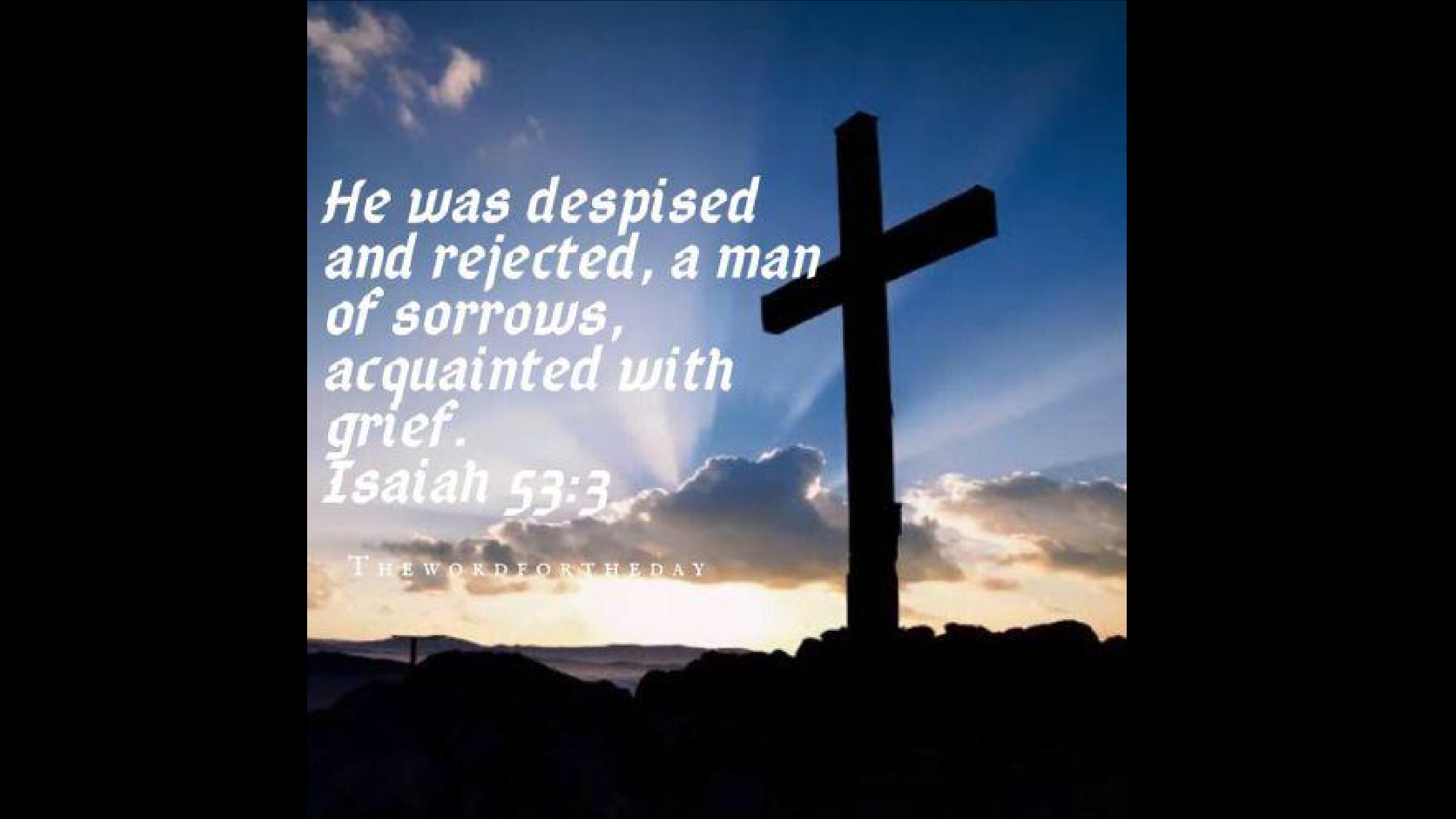
or the rich boast of their riches,

<sup>24</sup> but let the one who boasts  
boast about this:

that they have the  
understanding to know me,  
that I am the LORD, who exercises  
kindness,

justice and righteousness on  
earth,

for in these I delight,”  
declares the LORD.

A silhouette of a cross stands against a dramatic sky at sunset or sunrise. The sky is filled with soft, glowing clouds in shades of orange, yellow, and blue. The cross is positioned on the right side of the frame, with its vertical post extending from the bottom towards the top. The overall mood is contemplative and spiritual.

*He was despised  
and rejected, a man  
of sorrows,  
acquainted with  
grief.*

*Isaiah 53:3*

THE WORD FOR THE DAY

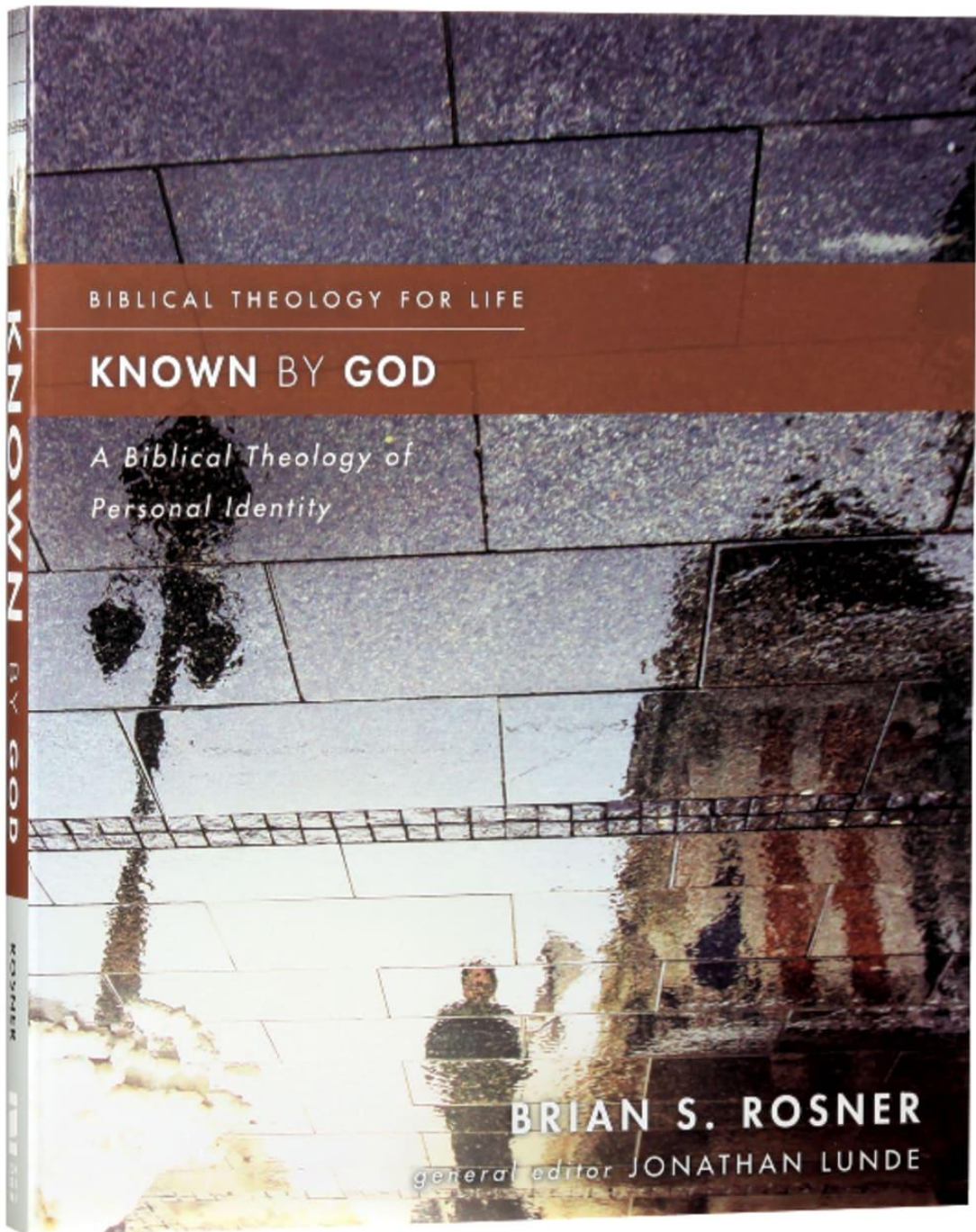
- We often let worldly success or failures define our identities.
- Don't despise your weakness, disappointments or failures. Despise instead the pursuit of self made strength.
- The LORD knows you by *name*.

<sup>4</sup> When the LORD saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, "Moses! Moses!"

<sup>5</sup> Then the LORD came down in the cloud and stood there with him and proclaimed his name, the LORD. <sup>6</sup> And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, "The LORD, the LORD, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness  
Exodus 34:5-6

<sup>10</sup> that **at the name of Jesus** every  
knee should bow,  
    in heaven and on earth and  
under the earth,  
<sup>11</sup> and every tongue acknowledge  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
    to the glory of God the  
Father.

Philippians 4:10-11



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# Known by love

<sup>9</sup> This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup> This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

1 John 9-10

<sup>3</sup> But whoever loves God is known by God.  
1 Cor 8:3.

- We often let worldly success or failures define our identities.
- Don't despise your weakness, disappointments or failures. Despise instead the pursuit of self made strength.
- The LORD knows you by name.
- *Give me more of you, O LORD.*

# How do you know when you are having a burning bush moment

- When you know in your heart you should do something for God but you are afraid to do so
- When the church offers to walk besides you but you rather handle your issues by yourself
- When you admit you have built walls around your life because you were hurt before but you don't want to change

Who am I, O Lord?  
*I am known by you, O Lord.*

*“Now go.”*