Identity Verses Re-imagined

"I was created in the heart and by the hands of a loving Dad."

- 1. **Psalm 139:13-16** For You formed my inward parts; You wove me in my mother's womb. I will give thanks to You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Wonderful are Your works, And my soul knows it very well.
- 2. **Ephesians 2: 10** For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

"I am created to image or 'look and live' like my heavenly Dad."

1. **Genesis 1:27** - So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

"I am God's beloved son."

- 1. **Ephesians 1:4-5** -Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, for he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love, he predestined us to be adopted as his son through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will.
- 2. **Galatians 4:6-7 -** Because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" Therefore, you are no longer a slave, but a son; and if a son, then an heir through God.
- 3. Romans 8:14-15 For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, "Abba! Father!"

- 4. **John 1:12-13 -** Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God- children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.
- 5. Galatians 3:26 For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.
- 6. **1 John 3:1 -** See how great a love the Father has bestowed on us, that we would be called children of God; and such we are. For this reason, the world does not know us, because it did not know Him.

"Because of my True Older Brother, Jesus, I am no longer a slave to my Imposter Life."

- 1. Romans 3:23 All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.
- 2. **Proverbs 16:25 -** There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death.
- 3. Romans 6:6-8 For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin because anyone who has died has been freed from sin. Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.
- 4. Romans 6:17-23 But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you wholeheartedly obeyed the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, you have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness.
- 5. Colossians 2:13-14 When you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions, having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us, which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.
- 6. **John 15:15 -** No longer do I call you slaves, for the slave does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I have heard from My Father I have made known to you.
- 7. John 8:36 So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

"I have been restored. I am being restored. I will be fully restored."

1. **Proverbs 22:6** - Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

- 2. **Proverbs 9:9 -** Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser; teach a righteous man, and he will increase in learning.
- 3. James 1:2-5 Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him.
- 4. 2 Corinthians 5:17-21 Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come. Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation, namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.
- 5. **Philippians 1:6** Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

"I am fully seen and wholly known."

- 1. **Psalm 139:13-16** My frame was not hidden from You, When I was made in secret, and skillfully wrought in the depths of the earth; your eyes have seen my unformed substance; and in your book were all written The days that were ordained for me, When as yet there was not one of them.
- 2. **Psalm 139:1-4** O Lord, You have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; You understand my thought from afar. You scrutinize my path and my lying down, and are intimately acquainted with all my ways. Even before there is a word on my tongue, Behold, O Lord, You know it all.

"I am taken care of by my heavenly Dad."

1. Romans 8:28-29 - 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.

2. **Jeremiah 29:11 -** For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future.

"I am fully loved."

1. **Ephesians 3: 16 - 19 -** I pray that out of his glorious riches He may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ. And to know this love that surpasses knowledge that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

"I cannot be separated from my heavenly Dad's love for me."

1. Romans 8:35-39 - Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? Just as it is written, "For Your sake we are being put to death all day long; We were considered as sheep to be slaughtered." But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

"Because of my True Older Brother, I am alive as a son, no longer dead as an Imposter."

- 1. Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.
- 2. **Ephesians 2: 1-10 -** And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath,

like the rest of mankind. But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

"I am Jesus' brother, and in him, I can live in and from my Garden State."

- 1. **Matthew 11:28-30** Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.
- 2. **John 14:6** *I* am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.
- 3. John 10:10b I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.
- 4. Hebrews 4:14-16 Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.
- 5. **Romans 8:1-2 -** There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

"I am redeemed and forgiven by the lavish grace of my True Mentor and Older Brother Jesus."

1. **Ephesians 1 -** In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his

will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

"I am sealed by the presence of my Guide, the Holy Spirit."

- 1. **Ephesians 1 -** In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.
- 2. **Galatians 5:25** But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.
- 3. **John 14:26** But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.

"Because of my heavenly Dad, my True Mentor, and Guide, I have what it takes to overcome the Wilderness Trials."

- 1. Hebrews 12:4-6 In your struggle against sin, you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. And you have forgotten that word of encouragement that addresses you as sons: My son, do not make light of the Lord's discipline (Wilderness Trials), and do not lose heart when he rebukes you, because the Lord disciplines those he loves, and he disciplines everyone he accepts as a son.
- 2. **Hebrews 12:7-11 -** Endure hardship as discipline (Wilderness Trials); God is treating you as sons...God disciplines us for our good, that we may share in his holiness. No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on,

- however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.
- 3. **Proverbs 3:5-6 -** Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your paths.
- 4. **Ephesians 6:11-13 -** Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm.
- 5. Philippians 4:13 I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.
- 6. **Romans 12:5 -** So we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

"I am a part of my heavenly Dad's Royal Priesthood."

- 1. **1 Peter 2:5 -** You also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.
- 2. **Hebrews 4:15 -** For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are, yet was without sin.
- 3. **Romans 5:1-2** Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we stand; and we exult in hope of the glory of God.
- 4. **1 Peter 2:9 -** But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.