

SEMON NOTE

BUILT DIFFERENT — WEEK 3

WHO GETS TO DEFINE YOU?

Ephesians 2:8–10

THIS WEEK'S BIG IDEA

You cannot live confidently in God's purpose while allowing other people, your past, or your performance to define your identity.

RECEIVED

Your identity is received, not achieved.

You don't have to earn enough approval, success, or recognition to become valuable.

Grace comes first.

RELEASED

You are not your worst chapter.

Your past may be part of your story.

It does not have to become your identity.

Your past can inform you without defining you.

REASSIGNED

You are God's workmanship.

God's grace moves us toward faithful action.

Grace → Identity → Purpose

THIS WEEK'S PRACTICE

NAME IT → TEST IT → REPLACE IT

NAME IT

What negative label am I carrying?

TEST IT

Where did this label come from?

Is it consistent with God's truth?

REPLACE IT

What truth will I practice instead?

DECLARATION

I am not defined by people's opinions.

I am not defined by my worst moment.

I am not defined by my performance.

By grace, I belong to Christ.

I am God's workmanship.

I will walk in what God has prepared for me.

SEED

Speak a specific, truthful word of encouragement into someone's life this week.

STEP

Choose **one label**.

For seven days:

Name it. Test it. Replace it.

WATCH ONE. DO ONE. REPEAT.

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