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Discipleship Essentials Pathway – Week 14 “Realign to God’s Design”

John 1:35-46 (ESV)

³⁵ The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶ and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!” ³⁷ The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸ Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, “What are you seeking?” And they said to him, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher), “where are you staying?” ³⁹ He said to them, “Come and you will see.” So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. ⁴⁰ One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. ⁴¹ He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which means Christ). ⁴² He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, “You are Simon the son of John. You shall be called Cephas” (which means Peter).

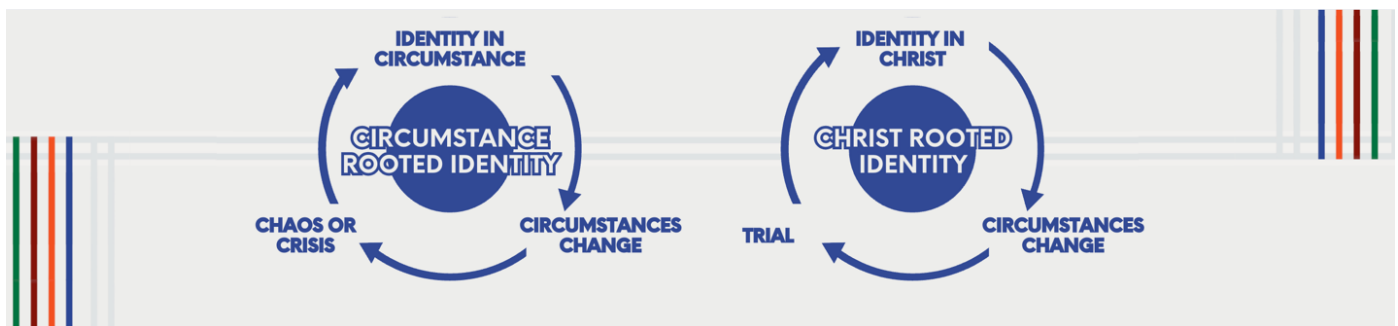
⁴³ The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” ⁴⁴ Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵ Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.” ⁴⁶ Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.”

Realign to God's Design

The Big 3: Identity, Purpose, Belonging

I. IDENTITY

- Following Jesus gives us a new and redeemed identity. (John 1:42)
- Symptoms of a misaligned identity:
 - People-pleasing
 - Comparison & insecurity
 - Shame from my past
 - Identity rooted in circumstances



Philippians 4:11b-13 (NIV)

"for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. ¹² I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. ¹³ I can do all this through him who gives me strength."

- Realign with God's design by rooting your sense of identity in the finished work of Christ.

II. PURPOSE

- Confidence in our identity in Christ simplifies the purpose of our lives. (Matthew 4:18-19, 16:18)
- The main purpose of your life is simple: Follow Jesus.
- Symptoms of a misaligned purpose:
 - Obsession with building my kingdom and not His Kingdom.
 - Lack of motivation
 - Chronic Discontentment

- Realign with God's design by remembering your main purpose in life is to know & follow Jesus.

John 17:3 (NIV)

Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.

III. BELONGING

Luke 5:10 (ESV)

"...and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men."

John 1:44-45 (ESV)

"Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵ Philip found Nathanael..."

- We gather for worship to encourage one another & encounter Him together.

Psalm 133:1,3 (ESV)

"Behold, how good and pleasant it is when God's people dwell in unity"

"...For there the LORD has commanded the blessing, life forevermore."

1 Corinthians 14:25 (NIV)

"...they will fall down and worship God, exclaiming, "God is really among you!"

- Symptoms of a misaligned sense of Belonging:
 - Isolation
 - Surface community
 - Low priority on worship
- Realign to God's design for belonging by taking seriously the worship gathering and the call to walk in godly community.