

MEDITATION 2:

THE GLORY OF KNOWING WHO YOU ARE

There are two Johns in the book of John—the author, and John the Baptist. John the Baptist attracted attention as his following grew. His popularity grew so much, the Jews in Jerusalem sent a group of priests to investigate the rumors (John 1:19-23).

“Who are you?” they asked. And John replied: “I am not the Christ.”

“Who are you?” they demanded many times. “We need an answer! What do you say about yourself?”

John had replied “no” to all their questions. The priests complained that he hadn’t given any answers—but he had given a very important piece of information: I’m not him.

Whether they know it or not, the group of priests are looking for Jesus. And John says: I’m not your Messiah. But I know him.

A while later, Jesus is teaching in the temple, and those listening were amazed that he seems so wise, despite not having any religious schooling. In response, Jesus talks about glory.

“Whoever speaks on their own does it to get personal honor,” Jesus says in John 7:18. “But someone who works for the honor of the one who sent him is truthful. Nothing about him is false.”

John finally announces he is a messenger, not the message itself. John’s authority comes from knowing who he represents - Jesus.

Ultimately, the people in our life are looking for Jesus. When we remember who we represent – Jesus – we stay true to who God created us to be. It’s so good to know who we are, and who we’re not.

Today: Say out loud to yourself: “I’m not him, I’m not Jesus.” How does that feel? Is it a relief; is it confusing; is it frustrating? When we know who God is, we also know who we are. Ask God to make you more aware of your identity and how you can point others to Jesus.



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