

# Decisions & Destinies

*Identity Abuse: Finding Your Value in God Alone*

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**Ephesians 2:10a (NLT)** *“For we are God’s masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus...”*

**READ Genesis 29:16-17; 26-28, 30-35 (NLT)**

Sometimes, our pain is so real, and we’re so focused on what we wish we had that we miss the blessing of what we’ve \_\_\_\_\_ been given.

Our story shouldn’t just be about what’s been done \_\_\_ us but also what we allow the Holy Spirit to do \_\_\_\_\_ us.

The spiritual atmosphere in Leah’s life began to change when she chose to \_\_\_\_\_ God in the \_\_\_\_\_ of her circumstances instead of expecting God to \_\_\_\_\_ them.

**Hebrews 12:1b-3 (NLT)** *...let us run with endurance the race God has set before us. 2 We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith. Because of the joy awaiting him, he endured the cross, disregarding its shame. Now he is seated in the place of honor beside God’s throne. 3 Think of all the hostility he endured from sinful people; then you won’t become weary and give up.*

**Praise won’t change just \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Psalms 30:11-12 (NLT)** *You have turned my mourning into joyful dancing. You have taken away my clothes of mourning and clothed me with joy, 12 that I might sing praises to you and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give you thanks forever!*

**MY NOTES**

**Isaiah 61:3 (NLT)** *To all who mourn..., he will give a crown of beauty for ashes, a joyous blessing instead of mourning, festive praise instead of despair. In their righteousness, they will be like great oaks that the Lord has planted for his own glory.*

**Don't let the enemy have the final word on how you choose to \_\_\_\_\_ your life.**

### **Pastor's Blessing**

- Be blessed as you choose to focus not on what you don't have, but on the blessing of what you've been given.
- Be blessed as you find JOY by praising God IN your circumstances while trusting God to lead you through them.
- Be blessed as you allow the Holy Spirit to remind you of your identity, giving you beauty for ashes, joy for mourning, and praise instead of despair.
- Be blessed, knowing you are a mighty tree, righteous, loved, and valued, that God has planted for His own glory.
- Be blessed today in Jesus' name!