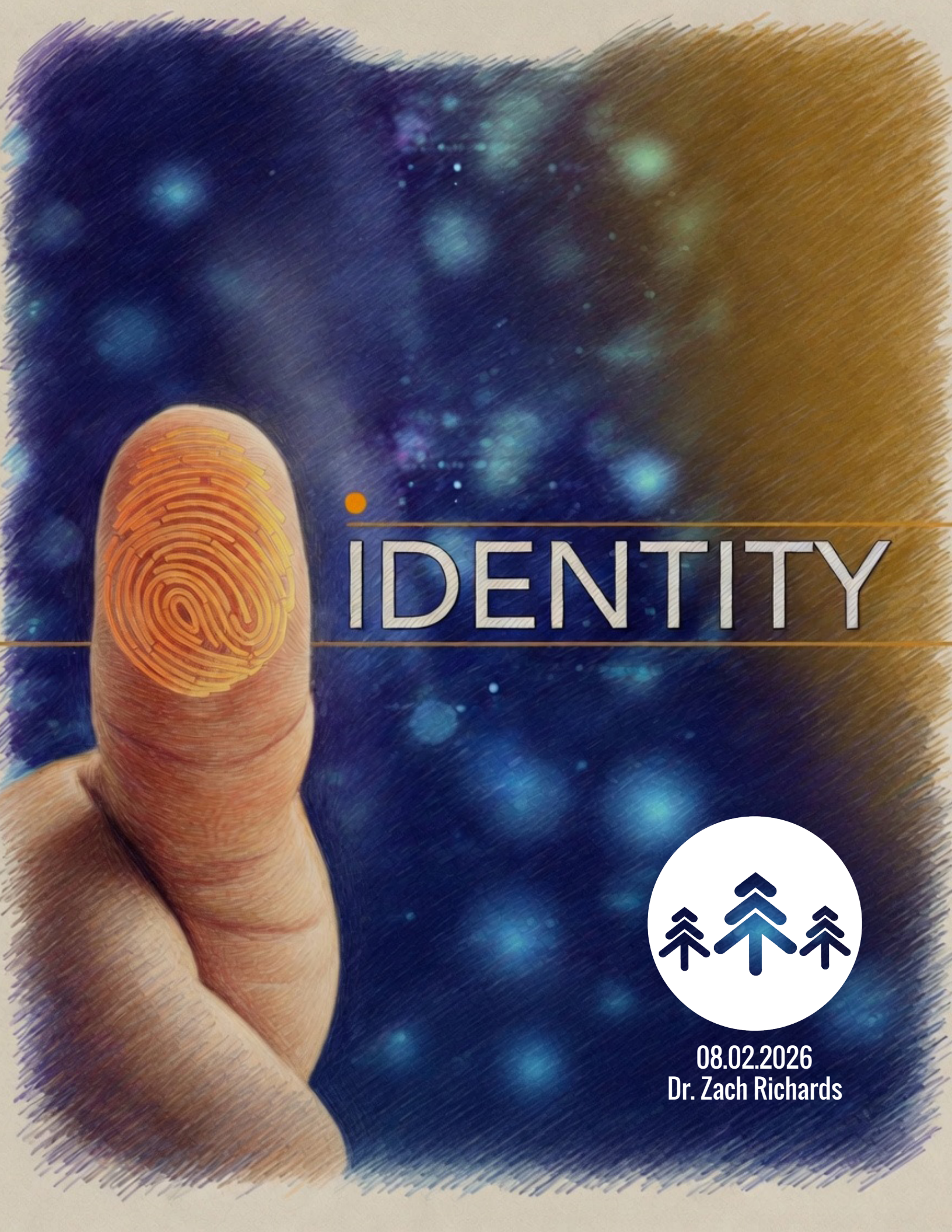


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This Ministry We Have

2 Corinthians 4:1-6

Sermon in a Sentence

We have been entrusted with this ministry as a gift to proclaim Christ to anyone who is willing to receive Him.

Question

What is so important about this ministry we have been given?

I. Our ministry is noteworthy because of its character.

- A. Paul explained some of the attributes that made their ministry special.
- B. A ministry is special when:
 - 1. It is recognized as a gift.
 - 2. It abstains from shameful tactics.
 - 3. It does not abuse the Word of God.
 - 4. It is validated by the lives it has impacted.
- C. Ministries come in all shapes and sizes, and what makes each one noteworthy is its character.

II. Our ministry is difficult because of the confusion.

- A. Paul may have been accused of confusing people about the gospel.
- B. Satan is the reason the gospel seems confusing.
 - 1. It may not be because of the person talking.
 - 2. It is likely because Satan has blinded the minds of the unbelievers.
- C. Since we already have an enemy to contend with, we should not make the gospel harder through tradition and legalism.

III. Our ministry is powerful because of its composition.

- A. Paul pointed out that the power of the gospel lies in who is proclaimed.
- B. The gospel is powerful because of Jesus.
 - 1. Jesus is Lord.
 - 2. Jesus is the Light.
 - 3. We are just the messengers.
- C. A ministry is only as strong as its focus on Christ.