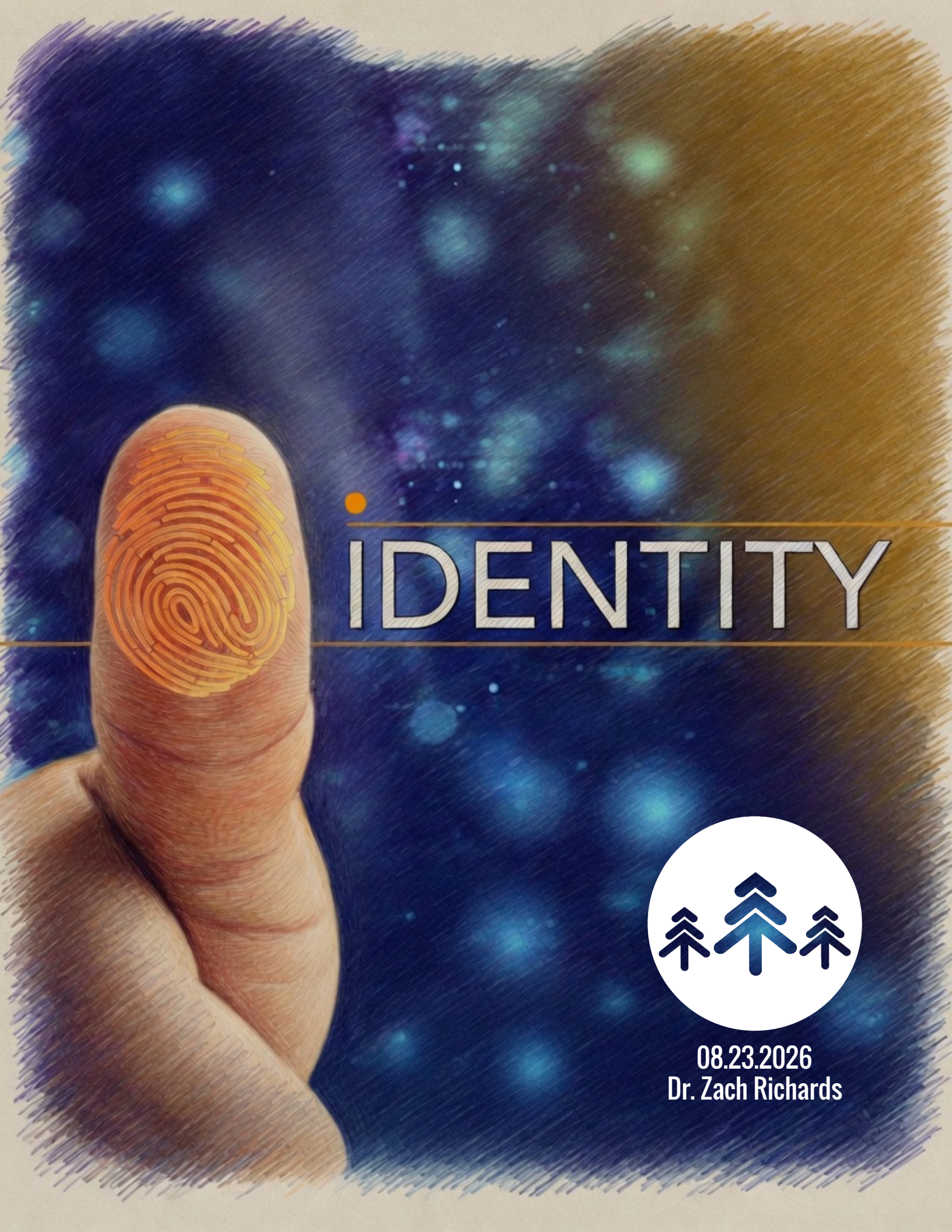


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Living Persuasively

2 Corinthians 5:11-15

Sermon in a Sentence

Living persuasively is living a life so devoted to Christ and different from what has become normal that people are willing to listen to what you have to say about Christ.

Question

What does it mean to live persuasively for the Gospel?

I. We live consistently.

- A. Paul was motivated to live consistently by His fear of the Lord.
- B. Being consistent means living in such a way that we are not ashamed for everyone to know what God knows about us.

II. We live conscientiously.

- A. Paul noted that he wanted to live in such a way that the Corinthians would have a reason to boast in him.
- B. Maintaining our character is important for us; it's also important for those who know us.

III. We live selflessly.

- A. Paul explained that He only lived for God and those to whom he ministered.
- B. Our goal should always be to put God first and others second.

IV. We live obediently.

- A. Paul confessed that he lived under the control of Christ.
- B. We cannot call Christ "Lord" and live in disobedience to His love and commands.