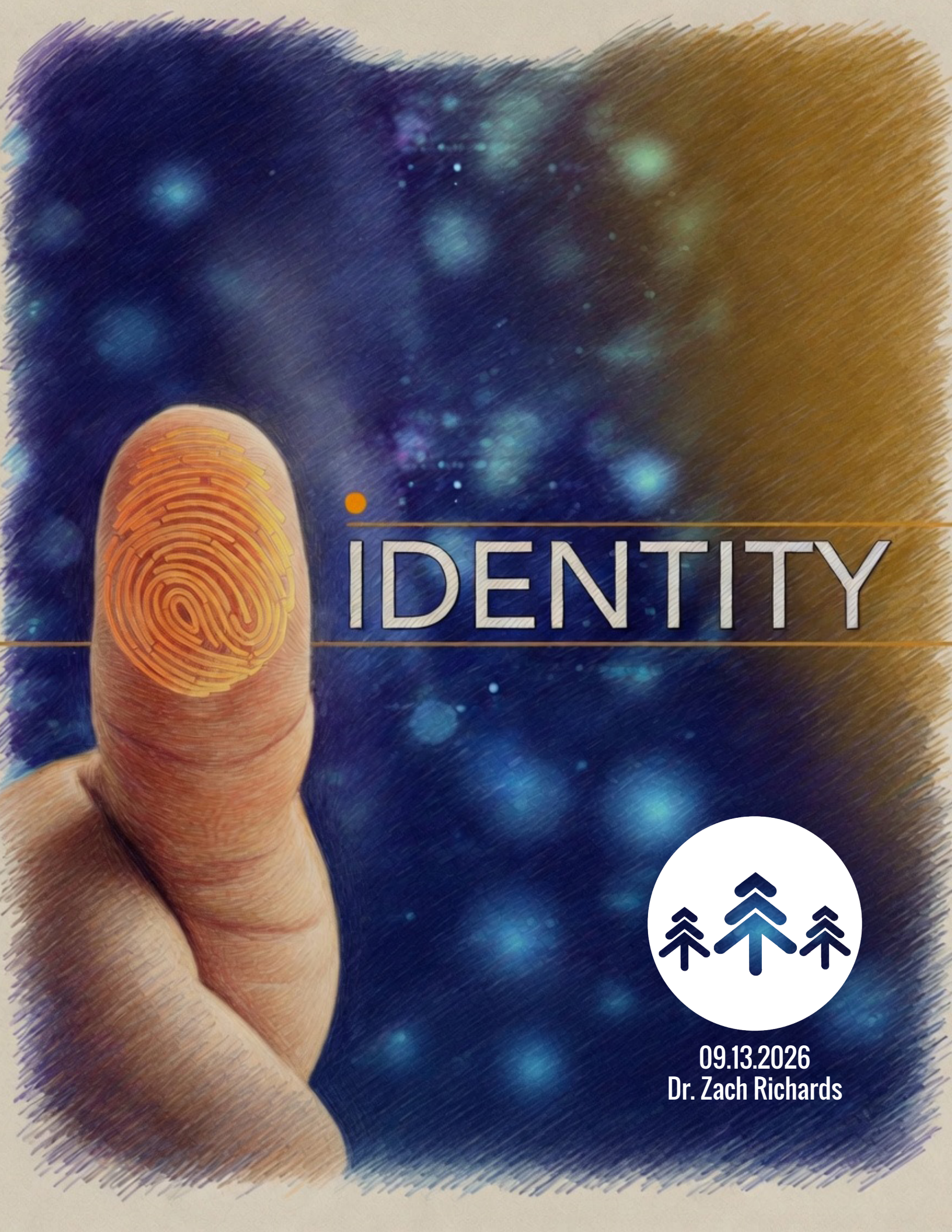


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Now

2 Corinthians 6:1-13

Sermon in a Sentence

We need more of the unrestrained grace of God in our lives.

Question

How do we experience more of the grace of God in our lives?

I. Now is the time to experience salvation.

A. In light of the collaboration between Paul's ministry and God, Paul appealed to the Corinthians to experience salvation.

1. Paul pleaded with them not to receive God's grace in an ineffectual manner.
2. Paul pointed out that they were living in the day of salvation spoken of by Isaiah.

- **Isaiah 49:8- 9a**

Thus says the LORD: "In a time of favor I have answered you; in a day of salvation I have helped you; I will keep you and give you as a covenant to the people, to establish the land, to apportion the desolate heritages, saying to the prisoners, 'Come out,' to those who are in darkness, 'Appear.'

B. People today should make much of the opportunity for salvation.

1. Some need to live out their salvation.
2. Some need to welcome salvation.

C. There is no better time to fully embrace the grace of God in salvation.

- **Revelation 3:20**

Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me.

II. Now is the time for an honest evaluation.

A. Paul commended the Corinthians to evaluate the trustworthiness of his ministry.

1. Paul commended their sufferings.
2. Paul commended their relationship with God.
3. Paul commended their public conduct.

B. Evaluate the gospel.

1. Evaluate the gospel in light of Scripture.
2. Evaluate the gospel in light of the change it brings.

C. An honest evaluation results in the truth that we need the unrestrained gospel in our lives.

III. Now is the time to open your heart.

- A. Paul asked the Corinthians to open their hearts.
 - 1. He asked them to acknowledge his honesty.
 - 2. He asked them to acknowledge their own impediments.
 - 3. He asked them to open their hearts.
- B. Some of us need to open our hearts in the same way.
- C. Now is the time.