

The Man You Always Wanted Me to Be

*What have I become? What am I running away from?
I used to see things in a very different way
What am I to do? I have changed my point of view
I was lost but now I've found myself in you*

*From some other part of me, I'll summon the strength to see me through
From deep in the heart of me, To be anything you want me to*

*And that's when I start to be
The man you've always seen in me
The man you always wanted me to be*

These are the lyrics from a song by the group “YES” who have been releasing music for over 50 years. This particular song was released in 2011 just before one of the founding members passed away. As I listen to this tune I can’t help but think about my relationship with Lord.

With the New Year I can’t help but ask the questions like “*What have I become? What am I running away from? What am I to do? I was lost but now I found myself in You!*” We always try to do the right thing by following the Lord, reading His Word, and praying on a regular basis, but there are still actions, beliefs, or thoughts that separate us from God. We refuse to let them go or ignore them which hurt the growth process in our walk with the Lord. We cannot become the person that God sees in us or wants us to be. It is a constant struggle.

All the prophets in the Bible had the same struggle. From Moses to Samson, from David to Jonah, and of course all the Disciples and Apostles; each struggled with becoming the man God intended them to be. Paul, the Apostle knew this when he wrote in 2nd Corinthians 12:7-9:

“Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. But He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me.”

Every year we make resolutions or promises that eventually disappear in the coming months. I have abandoned that idea and decided to follow Psalm 55:22 and “*Cast your cares on the LORD and He will sustain you; He will never let the righteous be shaken.*” I will conclude my personal prayer time with the words “Lord, make me the man You always wanted me to be.” May that be your prayer this new year as we continue to serve, worship and grow with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Cast your cares upon the Lord, let His power be made perfect in your weaknesses, and become the person God always wanted you to be!

Happy New Year!

Keep the Faith,
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