

**Welcome!!**  
**To Week #5**

**"I AM WHO I AM"**  
**IN COMPASSIONATE CARING**



## **COMPASSIONATE "ONE ANOTHER" CARING**

### **"I AM WHO I AM" INTRODUCED**

<sup>1</sup>Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. <sup>2</sup>And the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. <sup>3</sup>And Moses said, "I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned."

<sup>4</sup>When the Lord saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." <sup>5</sup>Then he said, "Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground."

<sup>6</sup>And he said, "**I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.**"

*And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.*

<sup>7</sup>Then the Lord said, "I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, <sup>8</sup>and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. <sup>9</sup>And now, behold, the cry of the people of Israel has come to me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. <sup>10</sup>Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt."

<sup>12</sup>... "But I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain."

<sup>13</sup>Then Moses said to God, "If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?"

<sup>14</sup>God said to Moses, "I am who I am."

*And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel: 'I am has sent me to you.'" Exodus 3:1-10,12-14*

### **"I AM THE I AM" DECLARED BY JESUS**

**John 4:26** Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am He." (Verse 25, "Messiah...who is called Christ")

**John 6:35** Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me will not hunger, and he who believes in Me will never thirst.

**John 8:23** And He was saying to them, "You are from below, I am from above; you are of this world, I am not of this world.

**John 8:58** Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was born, I am."

**John 9:5** *"While I am in the world, I am the Light of the world."*

**John 10:7** *So Jesus said to them again, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep.*

**John 10:11 (10:14)** *I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep*

**John 10:36** *do you say of Him, whom the Father sanctified and sent into the world, 'You are blaspheming,' because I said, 'I am the Son of God'?*

**John 11:25** *Jesus said to her [Martha at the resurrection before Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead], "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies,<sup>26</sup> and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?"*

**John 13:13** *"You call Me Teacher and Lord; and you are right, for so I am.*

**John 14:6** *Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me."*

**John 15:1** *"I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser."*

#### **Revelation 1:8**

*"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."*

#### **Revelation 1:17-18**

*When I saw Him, I fell at His feet like a dead man And He placed His right hand on me, saying, "Do not be afraid; I am the first and the last,<sup>18</sup> and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades."*

#### **Revelation 21:5-6**

<sup>5</sup> *And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." <sup>6</sup> And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment.*

### **OKAY, BUT WHO AM I?**

<sup>10</sup> *Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt."*

<sup>11</sup> *But Moses said to God,*

*"Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?"*

<sup>12</sup> *He said, "But I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain." **Exodus 3:10-12***

#### **THINGS NO ONE HAS ANY INPUT OR CHOICE ABOUT IN BIRTH**

1. When anyone would be born
2. Where anyone would be born
3. Who anyone would be conceived by and, therefore, what genes/chromosomes they would inherit from my parents, impacting things like:
  - Body shape
  - Eye color
  - Hair color and how long it would last
  - Skin color
  - Possibly some disease tendencies
  - Personality and temperament tendencies

4. What socio-economical “class”

#### **THINGS THAT INFLUENCE IN EVERYONE’S “DEVELOPMENTAL ASSEMBLY” LINE**

1. Parents and early home life
2. Siblings
3. Extended family
4. Teachers
5. Church, especially church people
6. Peer
7. Sources of Information
8. Media
9. Societal attitudes and patterns
10. Life Experiences
11. Spiritual influences both godly & evil
12. Personal Choices

#### **DEVELOPMENTAL “ASSEMBLY LINE” IMPACT ON A PERSON’S “WORLD & LIFE” VIEW**

1. What establishes a person’s value?
2. Am I okay?
3. What is or isn’t love?
4. What is normal in a family?
5. What are relationships about?
6. What is the standard for right & wrong?
7. What responsibility does one have for the consequences of choices?
8. What is religion about and which one will the person choose?

### ***GOD’S ROLE IN THE PICTURE OF WHO I AM***

<sup>1</sup> *O Lord, you have searched me and known me!*

<sup>2</sup> *You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar.*

<sup>3</sup> *You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways.*

<sup>4</sup> *Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O Lord, you know it altogether.*

<sup>5</sup> *You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.*

<sup>6</sup> *Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it.*

<sup>13</sup> *For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb.*

<sup>14</sup> *I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.*

*Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.*

<sup>15</sup> *My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.*

<sup>16</sup> *Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them. Psalm 139*

### ***WHO “I AM” IN JESUS***

- I am a child of God (**John 1:12**).
- I am anointed by God (**1 John 2:27**).
- I am loved by God (**1 John 4:10**).
- I am free and free indeed (**John 8:36**).
- I am a friend of God (**John 15:15**).
- I am seated in heavenly places (**Ephesians 2:6**).

- I am sealed with the Holy Spirit (**Ephesians 11:3**).
- I am justified and redeemed (**Romans 3:24**).
- I am more than a conqueror (**Romans 8:37**).
- I am an overcomer by the blood of the Lamb and the word of my testimony (**Revelation 12:11**).
- I am a new creature in Christ (**2 Corinthians 5:17**).
- I am blameless and free from accusation (**Colossians 1:22**).
- I am a son of light and not a son of darkness (**1 Thessalonians 5:5**).
- I am born of God, and the evil one does not touch me (**1 John 5:18**).
- I am redeemed by the blood of Jesus and am forgiven for all my sins (**Ephesians 1:7**).
- I am firmly rooted, built up, established in my faith and overflowing with gratitude (**Colossians 2:7**).
- I am healed by the stripes of Jesus (**Isaiah 53:5**).
- I am strengthened with all might according to his glorious power (**Colossians 1:11**).
- I am submitted to God, and the devil flees from me because I resist him in the name of Jesus (**James 4:7**).
- I am part of a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people (**1 Peter 2:9**).
- I am a son of God and one in Christ Jesus (**Galatians 3:26, 28**).
- I am a disciple of Jesus if I love (**John 16:17**) & bear fruit (**John 15:1-17**).
- I am to go and make disciples (**Matthew 28:18-20**)

## ***GOD'S USE OF MY S.H.A.P.E.***

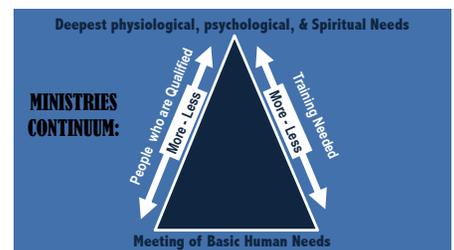
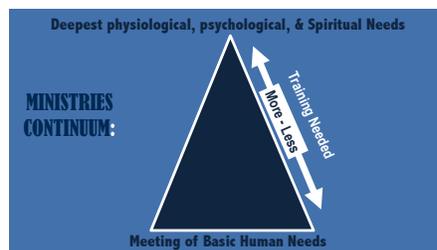
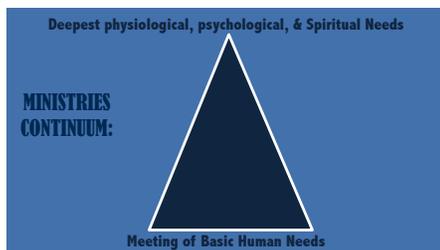
**Spiritual Gifts:** We cannot choose or create spiritual gifts, but we can discover & develop them. Rom. 12:6-8, 1 Cor. 12:8-10, 28-30, Eph. 4:11

**Heart:** There are certain inclinations built into us that we are passionate about that God can use to direct how He might want to use us. Psalm 37

**Abilities:** We are born with natural skills to be discovered, developed, and, because God gave them, used to glorify Him & build His Kingdom.

**Personality:** These individual combinations of traits were mostly inherited in birth, need to be accepted and considered in how we might fit in service.

**Experiences:** Our individualized life events – positive & negative - can be a pathway of empathy and insight with others with similar life experiences.



## ***SOME THINGS TO ASK ABOUT OURSELVES***

- What life experiences to I have that God could use?
- What specialized training or education to I have?
- What are my comfort and discomfort zones with dealing with people?
- How is my own psychological health and maturity?
- Where am I spiritually?
- What time, energy, resources, etc. am I willing to invest?
- What does feedback from others indicate about where I might fit?

## ***5 GOALS OF COMPASSIONATE CARING***

### **1. To Demonstrate God's Love.**

The goal is to open doors that enhance receptivity to the Gospel by compassionately touching people at their point of needs.

### **2. To share the good news of the gospel.**

The goal is to always be ready to share the goods news that a personal relationship with Jesus Christ opens the door to true answers to the deepest longings of the human heart.

### **3. To Disciple**

The goal is to directly mentor, as well as link into environments, believers to help them grow in experiencing the fulness of a Spirit-filled life and to mature as a disciple of Jesus.

### **4. To Equip**

The goal is to increase the number of people in helping ministries that best fit their S.H.A.P.E.

### **5. To help e-free shine brightly in the dark.**

The goal is to enhance the effectiveness of E-Free's testimony by visible love, unity, and cooperation - especially by Christians dealing with their personal issues, including interpersonal ones, in godly ways.

***Prayerfully ask God to use you just as you are  
to meet someone right where they are  
in order to help move them closer  
to where God would have them to be.***