

## QUICK REVIEW

In this week's "First Free Goes to Broadway" sermon, Nat discussed how we are all prone to wear "masks" that hide our true identity in Christ as His followers. He then gave us some practical wisdom from 1 Peter concerning how we can live a life that represents our true identity or "brand" in Christ. What was the most important truth from the message for your life at present?

Leader Notes: **Here's a rough sketch of Nat's main points from 1 Peter 1:13-21**

In order to live a life that represents our true identity in Christ we must:

- a. **Prepare our minds for action (by studying God's Word).**
- b. Keep sober in spirit (take **our identity or "brand"** seriously).
- c. Fix our hope fully on Christ.
- d. Obey His Commands and a **"better way of living"** (Be Holy as He is Holy).
- e. Embrace our redemption by His blood (freedom from our past slavery to sin).

## MY STORY

1. Have you ever been creeped out by someone wearing a mask or is it just me? ... perhaps during Halloween, a masquerade ball, a circus or some other similar occasion? What was it about the mask or costume that made you uncomfortable?
2. Think about your current home life or maybe even think back to your childhood. What is one rule, an expectation, or a piece of sound advice that was or is a "broken record" issue for you?

## DIGGING DEEPER

A large part of living our true identity in Christ is our call to "Be Holy, for I Am Holy." Let's dig into this concept a little deeper.

1. As a group, read Leviticus 20:22-26.
  - a. What do we learn about God's holiness from this passage?
  - b. What are some things God expected of His people, the Israelites, from this passage?
  - c. What are some ways the people of Israel were distinguished, or "set apart," as God's people?
  - d. How are holiness and obedience related?
2. Just as the Israelites were set apart, we as believers are now also set apart as God's people. Let's take a look! As a group, read 1 Peter 2:1-12.
  - a. What "masks" are we to rid ourselves of according to verse 1?
  - b. How do we put these things away according to verse 2? What do you think "pure spiritual milk" is referring to? **This likely refers to God's Word.**
  - c. According to this passage, what are some of the characteristics of our identity in Christ?
  - d. According to this passage, how are we to live in light of our identity?
3. As a group, read James 1:19-26. How does this passage further inform the discussion on our true identity in Christ?

## TAKING IT HOME

1. Where or in what ways are you prone to the "malice, deceit, hypocrisy, envy, or slander" in your own life that we just read about in 1 Peter 2:1? **This is an opportunity to confess and pray for one another.**
2. Nat said: "your brand is Christ, when people see you, they are to see Christ." In what tangible ways does your life currently best reflect your identity in Christ? Where could you become more obedient to His commands this week? Pray for one another in these areas!