

IN HIS IMAGE

At some point in our lives, we have all struggled with our image - what we look like, who we really are, how we fit in, what we stand for. As humans, we are uniquely created in the image of God. If you believe this to be true, what does that mean for your life and others around you? As Christians, we are called to bear this image like Christ did on earth. Therefore, we are called to live as a new creation, one who is set apart and is a reflection of the God who created us and loves us.

"We all, with unveiled faces, are looking as in a mirror at the glory of the Lord and are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory; this is from the Lord who is the Spirit."

2 Corinthians 3:18

DAY ONE: IMAGE OF GOD

Scriptures: Genesis 1:27, Psalm 139:13-16, Deuteronomy 7:6-8, Galatians 3:13-14

Key Verse: "I will praise you because I have been remarkably and wondrously made. Your works are wondrous, and I know this very well." Psalm 139:14

Life Question: What does it mean to be created in the image of God?

God created us in His image. He set apart the Israelites as His chosen people. As believers, we are called to bear God's image like Christ did on earth.

DAY TWO: IMAGE DISTORTED

Scriptures: Genesis 3:6-7, Exodus 32:1-6, Romans 1:22-25

Key Verse: "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." Romans 3:23

Life Question: What have you allowed to distort the Image of God in your life? Do you find your identity in Christ or in the world?

Sin distorted the Image of God in our lives, resulting in broken relationship with Him. The Israelites turned from God and created their own image and worshiped it.

DAY THREE: IMAGE RENEWED

Scriptures: Isaiah 53:1-12, 2 Corinthians 4:16-17, Colossians 3: 9-11

Key Verse: "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, and see, the new has come!" 2 Corinthians 5:17

Life Question: Have you experienced renewal through the new covenant of Christ? What impact does that have on your daily life?

The Old Testament is filled with Scriptures pointing to the promise of a coming Messiah to fulfill the law and to be the ultimate sacrifice for sin. Jesus came as the prophesied new covenant to replace the old covenant made with the Israelites. Through Him, our relationship with the Father is renewed.

DAY FOUR: IMAGE SHARED

Scriptures: Matthew 9:36-37, Matthew 28:18-20, Acts 1:6-8

Key Verse: "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." Matthew 28:19

Life Question: Who in your life needs to know that they were created in the image of God? What is keeping you from sharing?

Everyone is created in God's image. Jesus was the image of God on earth, and therefore is the perfect example of how to share this image with others. So, like Christ, we are to have compassion on them and share the love of God with them.