

HOMEWORK

Day 1: Read Genesis 20.

In the week on LIES, we talked about Sarah and how the same lie, told twice, changed her physical situation. It also was the enemy attempting to affect what she and others believed about her as a woman.

1. How was the enemy attempting to “subtract” value from Sarah?
2. How was her value revealed?
3. How did the king (by God’s order) affirm her value and identity in this story?
4. Do you have a place in your story where someone else attempted to “steal” your value?

Sit with Father and your rope and ask Him to show you your true value in that place and allow Him to show you how knowing your value might change your perspective of that incident or other places in your story.

Day 2:

Identity is important to Jesus. His identity and your identity are important. It’s interesting that before Jesus began His public ministry, He went into the wilderness for 40 days of fasting and prayer. At the end of that time, when His body was likely weak from no food, the enemy came to challenge His identity.

Read the following passages. First identify who was challenging Jesus’ identity. Then write the words used to question who Jesus knew He was.

- Matthew 4: 1–6
- Matthew 26:63
- Matthew 27:39–40

Now read Matthew 16:13–20.

1. What does Jesus do when Simon answers the question about His identity correctly?

2. How does that affect Simon’s identity from now on?

3. Can you think of others in Scripture that had a name change by the Lord to give them a proper understanding of their identity? List any you know.

4. Considering this passage, I could draw a chart to show that I have labels for Peter because of his loud mouth, his job, his impulsiveness, etc. But Jesus saw his true identity and proclaimed it to the world. Likewise, I tend to answer the question of “Who am I” with a list of what I do, how I act, or what others have said about me. But that is not what Jesus does to identify me.

How would you finish the statements about yourself in the chart on the below? List a few. You might find it easier to finish the statements, “Who I am not” and “What do others say about me” first. You might know right away who you are and if so, I am so delighted you know! What an incredible gift! For the rest of you, it is okay to need to really seek the Lord about this and allow Him to speak His truth of your identity to you. If you don’t know, it’s okay to leave this blank today. But please start asking God and come back to this when you start to understand His name for you. (Does this list now look any different from when you first made a list in the group activity in week three, Hearing God’s Voice?)

I am...	I am not...

How do you think others would finish these statements about you?

You are...	You are not...

Day 3: Read Ruth 1 and 4.

1. Why did Naomi want to change her name?
2. Can you name a “bitter” place on your Story Rope where your name for yourself changed?
3. How did Naomi’s story end?
4. What identity did her friends give her?