

## Daily Devotional, January 19, 2021 Who am I? I am Yours!

***For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup> that<sup>[a]</sup> the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God. Romans 8:20-21 (NIV)***

I love songs that tell a story or teach. When it is done in a song it is an easy medium to remember - at least for me—and I'm sure for many of you.

There is a classic praise song that has been played on Christian radio for a number of years, "Who Am I?", that is beautiful and offers wonder and humility and praise in its lyrics.

**Wonder:** The idea that the Creator of the Universe knows, and completely understands what we go through every day and in every situation and that this God cares for our joys, our pain and our disappointments should give us pause for reflection. Not so much that an omniscient God should know about them, for God knows all things. But Jesus experienced our suffering. The cited verses speak of God's help for us and liberation of us and look forward to the time when we are home with God. God sees our sin and loves us anyway. This is indescribable love in light of the thought that we, as a race, turned our backs on God in the garden.

**Humility:** "Who am I?" Adam was made from the dust of the Earth. It is said from dust we came and to dust we will return. Our frail mortal bodies will. We are finite creatures. We are made in the image of God, true. But while we are His children and are loved enough for Jesus to humble Himself to come and pay for our sins to make a way for us to live forever with Him in Heaven, we were utterly dependent - incapable of helping ourselves to shake off the curse of sin.

**Praise:** *Not because of who I am, but because of Who You are!* I know my place, and I know that God alone is responsible for the victory He shares with us. God hears us when we call. God catches us when we are falling. But only through what God has done on our behalf have we been given the right to be called Children of God.

Songs have the power to mentally take us to faraway places, sometimes back in time to a precious moment in our lives, a place to offer praise, or to remind us of truths and keep them in our memories. This song captures the story of amazing love. The kind of love we can never repay.

**Prayer:** *Lord God. Thank You for the gift of music. Thank You for the ideas that are stored and expressed in this, and many other songs that remind us of the love poured out on us to redeem us in the sacrifice that paid our price to open the door to live forever in Heaven with You. Amen.*

### Who Am I? by Casting Crowns

Who am I, that the lord of all the earth,  
Would care to know my name Would care to feel my hurt?  
Who am I, that the bright and morning star,  
Would choose to light the way, For my ever wandering heart?  
Not because of who I am, But because of what you've done,  
Not because of what I've done, But because of who you are

I am a flower quickly fading, Here today and gone tomorrow,  
A wave tossed in the ocean, A vapor in the wind  
Still you hear me when I'm calling, Lord, you catch me when I'm falling,  
And you've told me who I am, I am yours

Who am I, that the eyes that see my sin,  
Would look on me with love, And watch me rise again?  
Who am I, that the voice that calmed the sea,  
Would call out through the rain, And calm the storm in me?

Not because of who I am, But because of what you've done,  
Not because of what I've done, But because of who you are

I am a flower quickly fading, Here today and gone tomorrow,  
A wave tossed in the ocean, A vapor in the wind  
Still you hear me when I'm calling, Lord, you catch me when I'm falling,  
And you've told me who I am, I am yours.  
Whom shall I fear, whom shall I fear?, 'Cause I am yours, I am yours.

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