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• CHAPTER ONE •

YOU HAVE EVERY RIGHT TO BE FREE

Lydia was a middle-aged woman who was dealt a bad hand. Memories of ritual and sexual abuse that she suffered as a young child had haunted her throughout her life. Her shattered self-perception was written all over her when she came to see me. As Lydia told me her story, she displayed little emotion, but her words reflected total despair.

“Lydia, who do you think you are? I mean, how do you perceive yourself?” I asked.

“I think I’m evil,” she answered stoically. “I’m just no good for anybody. People tell me I’m evil, and all I do is bring trouble.”

“As a child of God, you’re not evil. You may have done evil things, but at the core of your very being is a desire to do what is right, or you wouldn’t be here,” I argued. I handed her the following list of scriptures describing who she is in Christ:

IN CHRIST

I am accepted:

- John 1:12 I am God's child
- John 15:15 I am Christ's friend
- Romans 5:1 I have been justified
- 1 Corinthians 6:17 I am united with the Lord and one with Him in spirit
- 1 Corinthians 6:20 I have been bought with a price—I belong to God
- 1 Corinthians 12:27 I am a member of Christ's body
- Ephesians 1:1 I am a saint
- Ephesians 1:5 I have been adopted as God's child
- Ephesians 2:18 I have direct access to God through the Holy Spirit
- Colossians 1:14 I have been redeemed and forgiven of all my sins
- Colossians 2:10 I am complete in Christ

I am secure:

- Romans 8:1-2 I am free from condemnation
- Romans 8:28 I am assured that all things work together for good
- Romans 8:31-34 I am free from any condemning charges against me
- Romans 8:35-39 I cannot be separated from the love of God
- 2 Corinthians 1:21-22 I have been established, anointed, and sealed by God
- Colossians 3:3 I am hidden with Christ in God
- Philippians 1:6 I am confident the good work God has begun in me will be perfected
- Philippians 3:20 I am a citizen of heaven
- 2 Timothy 1:7 I have not been given a spirit of fear but of power, love, and a sound mind

- Hebrews 4:16 I can find grace and mercy in time of need
- 1 John 5:18 I am born of God and the evil one cannot touch me

I am significant:

- Matthew 5:13 I am the salt and light of the earth
- John 15:1-5 I am a branch of the true vine, a channel of His life
- John 15:16 I have been chosen and appointed to bear fruit
- Acts 1:8 I am a personal witness of Christ
- 1 Corinthians 3:16 I am God's temple
- 2 Corinthians 5:17-20 I am a minister of reconciliation
- 2 Corinthians 6:1 I am God's coworker
- Ephesians 2:6 I am seated with Christ in the heavenly realm
- Ephesians 2:10 I am God's workmanship