

Who Are You?

Like the writer of Psalm 119:33-40, all of my life I have been on a quest to discover who I am and what my unique place is in the universe and among all others. Somehow, I have always known that there was a "me" to be discovered, a place for me and my distinction in union with all others. For the longest time I thought it was in drumming, and then I thought my destiny was in going to a particular college. Later I thought that who I was must surely reside in being a motivational speaker, a human resource director, a husband, a parent, a life coach, a pastor, etc. I have enjoyed participating in all of these things and have come to see that these things have played a part in coming to see who I am, but they were not the ultimate discovery.

Having discovered that those things weren't "it," I have wondered who will "teach me"? (Psalm 119:33). Who will "Give me insight"? (v. 34). Who will "guide me"? (v. 35). Who will "give me...wisdom"? (v. 36). Who will "divert...and invigorate me"? (v. 37). Who will "Affirm promises" of the destiny I know in my heart? (v. 38). Who will "deflect...my critics"? (v. 39). Who will "preserve my life through...righteous ways"? (v. 40). The Psalmist knows "Who" and boldly cries out to Him. His name is Jesus (Luke 24:44). And just as the Psalmist is crying out to know more about this God revealed in Jesus and receive his help, so Jesus clarifies that this God has a name—Father, Son and Spirit—and that He will most definitely equip us with power from on high and help us to know all Truth (Luke 24:49, John 16:12-15).

Do you want to know who you really are, and do you need insight from Someone? I recommend this relational God toward whom the Psalmist is pointing! Rather than focusing on the "whats" (that stymied me in my pursuit of knowing who I am), the Psalmist correctly points us to the "Who" that makes all the difference.

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