

# IDENTITY THEFT

## PART 1: Dreamer April 11 & 12, 2015

**Main Passage:** Genesis 37:1-11, 19-20

“There are two great days in a person’s life – the day we are born and the day we discover why.” Mark Twain

It is in Christ we find out who we are and what we’re living for. (Ephesians 1:11 MSG)

How do I discover the identity and purpose God has for me?

1. \_\_\_\_\_ matter.
  - a. I can \_\_\_\_\_ what labels will define me. (Genesis 37:2)
  - b. Our parents \_\_\_\_\_ our identity from the earliest age. (Genesis 37:3)
  - c. Our siblings will try to define who we are. (Genesis 37:8; Proverbs 18:21 MSG)

What negative label to you identify with?

2. My background doesn’t \_\_\_\_\_ me from God using me greatly.
  - a. My age doesn’t have to hold me back. (Genesis 37:2)

- b. I’m not \_\_\_\_\_ by what my parents have done. (Genesis 37:2)
- c. I don’t have to live out my family’s \_\_\_\_\_. (1 Corinthians 1:26-29)

3. Look for ways that I am unique and begin to \_\_\_\_\_ in them. (Genesis 37:5)

Joseph’s dream gave him a glimpse of the future. Where has God given you glimpses of your own future?

Sometimes questions help us clarify our calling:

- What am I good at?
- What are things that others call out in me?
- What are things that “come naturally” to me?
- What am I passionate about?
- What makes me angry/produces righteous indignation?
- What’s my favorite topic? Hobby? Recreational activity? Subject in school?

- a. Try walking in my gifting...even if “it’s \_\_\_\_\_”. (Genesis 37:5b)
- b. Learn how to navigate \_\_\_\_\_ the naysayers and the supporters. (Genesis 37:3b, 8, 11)
- c. \_\_\_\_\_ to face obstacles and the testing of my calling. (Genesis 37:19-20)

What labels do you need to hand over to God?

### NOTES: