## WHO AM I? & WHY AM I HERE?

# FAMILIAR TEST

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# I. 4 IDENTITY TESTS:

- 1. **LORDSHIP** SUBMISSION Who's leading/following?
- 2. **POPULARITY** APPROVAL Try and please everyone.
- 3. **COMPARISON TEST** UNIQUE Don't waste your unique DNA
- 4. FAMILIARITY TEST BARRIERS

#### II. Mark 6:1-6

#### A. $\underline{\mathbf{V2}}$ - Container vs. Contents

- 1. **Astonished** *ekplesso* To be amazed as to be overwhelmed.
- 2. We have a problem with familiarity when:
  - a) We focus on the container more than the contents of the container.
  - b) We determine the significance of something based on who or what it comes out of.

# B. <u>V3</u> - Past vs. Current identity

- 1. <u>2 Cor 5:16 NLT</u> 16 So we have stopped evaluating others from a human point of view. At one time we thought of Christ merely from a human point of view. How differently we know him now!
  - a) They were familiar with who He was but oblivious to Who He had become!
- 2. **Offended** *skandalizo* To fall into a trap, to give up believing what is right and let oneself believe what is false.
  - a) A person who is offended at the Container will not benefit from the Contents of the Container.
  - b) We will never experience everything God has for us as long as we demand to pick the container it comes out of.

# C. <u>V4</u> - <u>3 Familiarity Barriers</u>

- 1. Own Country patris Hometown, place of birth and childhood Influences
  - a) <u>1 Cor 15:33</u> 33 Do not be deceived: "Evil company corrupts good habits."
  - b) <u>Prov 13:20</u> 20 He who walks with wise men will be wise, But the companion of fools will be destroyed.
  - c) Rom 12:2 2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.
- 2. Own Relatives suggenes Family traits; inherited issues, habits, nature. Heritage

- a) <u>John 3:3</u> 3 Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."
- b) <u>2 Cor 5:17</u> 17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.
- c) <u>2 Peter 1:4</u> 4 by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that <u>through these</u> you may be <u>partakers of the divine nature</u>, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.
- d) Our spiritual heritage is more powerful than our natural heritage.
- 3. **Own House** oikia Residence, dwelling, where you live **Choices** 
  - a) <u>Josh 24:15</u> 15...choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve,...But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.
  - b) <u>1 Kings 18:21</u> 21 And Elijah came to all the people, and said, "How long will you falter between two opinions? If the Lord is God, follow Him; but if Baal, follow him."

III. Are you willing to walk away from what is <b>FAMILIAR</b> to experience what is <b>PHENOMENAL</b> ?		